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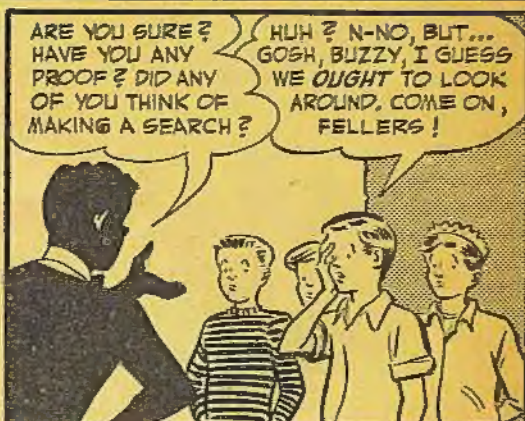
WAS IT  
**BLACK MAGIC?**  
OR WAS IT **SUPER-SCIENCE?**  
Even **CAPTAIN COMET**  
COULD NOT DEFY THE POWER  
OF **The 12 ETERNALS!**





# BUZZY

# "BE SURE OF YOUR FACTS!"



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# CAPTAIN COMET

STORY BY  
EDGAR RAY MERRITT

OUT  
IN SPACE THE  
QUEER,  
GLOBULAR  
VESSEL  
DRIFTED!

IT SEEMED  
DESERTED,  
DEVOID OF  
ANY FORM  
OF LIFE  
WHEN  
**CAPTAIN  
COMET**  
FIRST  
SIGHTED IT!

BUT WITHIN A  
VERY FEW  
MOMENTS  
AFTER THE  
FEARLESS  
MAN OF  
DESTINY HAD  
ENTERED THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
DERELICT, HE  
KNEW THAT  
HE HAD COME  
UPON A PERIL  
OF SUCH  
MAGNITUDE--

A MENACE  
SO GREAT--

THAT IT HAD  
TO BE HIDDEN  
FROM THE  
UNIVERSE  
FOR  
COUNTLESS  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS!



**SECRET  
OF THE**

**TWELVE ETERNALS!**



LONG, LONG AGO THE TWELVE MOST POWERFUL RULERS OF EARTH MET IN SECRET AT THE BIDDING OF THEIR CHIEFTAIN, ZUS...



EARTH PEOPLE LOOK UPON US AS IMMORTAL, FELLOW RULERS-- AND BY MY PLAN WE WILL BE!

IT IS AN INGENIOUS PLAN YOU HAVE CONCEIVED, ZUS... AND WE ALL AGREE TO IT!

ZUS LED THEM TO THE TOP OF NEARBY MOUNT OLYMPUS... WHERE WAS CONCEALED A STRANGE, HUGE OBJECT...

IN THIS UNIQUE SKY VESSEL, WE SHALL DEPART FROM EARTH-- PERHAPS NEVER TO RETURN!

AS IMMORTALS, WE WILL HAVE TIME TO EXPLORE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE!



NOW ALL IS PREPARED FOR OUR VOYAGE-- WHICH MAY LAST HUNDREDS, EVEN THOUSANDS OF YEARS! ENTER THE SHIP, MERKRY, HURKLES... ALL OF YOU!



MOMENTS LATER... THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY-- SIDE STARED UP IN AMAZEMENT...

A STRANGE CRAFT-- TRAVELING UPWARD INTO THE SKY!

BY THE IMMORTAL ZUS! HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?



INSIDE THE SPACE-CRAFT AS IT SPED THROUGH THE VOID...

SOMEDAY... SOMEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE, THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY WILL BE DISCOVERED! AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES...

...WE WILL STILL BE ALIVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT DISCOVERY!



EXACTLY! IN THESE SPECIAL CASES WE WILL REMAIN IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION! EVERY HALF-CENTURY, ONE OF US IN TURN WILL AWAKEN FOR ONE DAY! THAT WAY OUR LIFE-SPANS WILL EXTEND OVER COUNTLESS AGES!





**T**HE PLAN WAS PUT INTO EFFECT... AND AS MILLENNIUMS PASSED, THE TWELVE IN THE GIANT, BALLOON-LIKE SPACESHIP REMAINED ALIVE...



IT'S THE TURN OF DIONISIUS TO AWAKEN. NEXT--IN FIFTY YEARS I'LL GET HIS ALARM BEFORE I GO BACK INTO MY CASE!

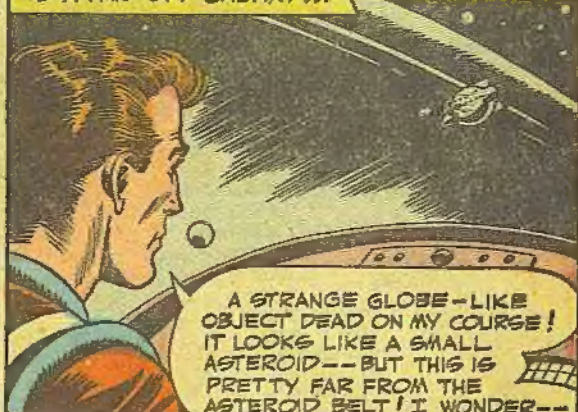


AS TIME WENT ON, SEVERAL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WERE NOTED BY HURKLES ON HIS SEVENTH AWAKENING...

SCIENTISTS IN THREE WORLDS CLAIM TO BE APPROACHING THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY! I'LL LEAVE A NOTE FOR MERKRY TO TEST THEIR CLAIMS A HALF-CENTURY FROM NOW!



AND FIFTY YEARS LATER--1952 A.D., EARTH-TIME -- FINDS CAPTAIN COMET, FAMED MAN OF DESTINY, RETURNING FROM A MISSION TO A FAR-OFF GALAXY...



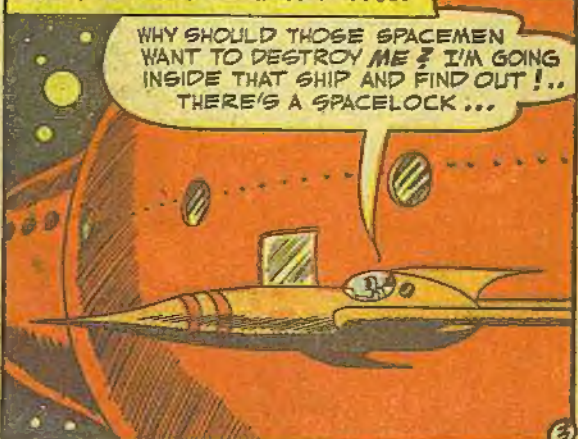
THEN...AS THE STURDY COMETEER DRAWS CLOSER, AUTOMATIC AND DEADLY RAYS STREAK FROM THE GLOBE...

GREAT SOL! THAT THING'S METAL--A KIND OF SPACESHIP--AND IT'S FIRING DESTRUCTIVE RADIATION AT ME!



SWIFTLY THROWING A PROTECTIVE FORCE--BARRIER AROUND HIS LITTLE ROCKET, CAPTAIN COMET PLUNGES TO THE SIDE OF THE STRANGE ATTACKER...

WHY SHOULD THOSE SPACEMEN WANT TO DESTROY ME? I'M GOING INSIDE THAT SHIP AND FIND OUT!.. THERE'S A SPACELOCK...



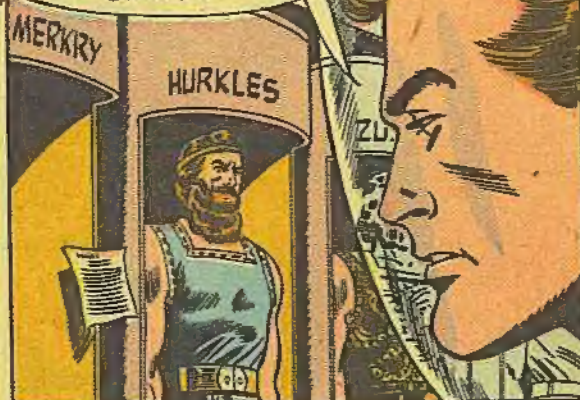


MOMENT LATER...INSIDE THE GLOBE-SHIP...

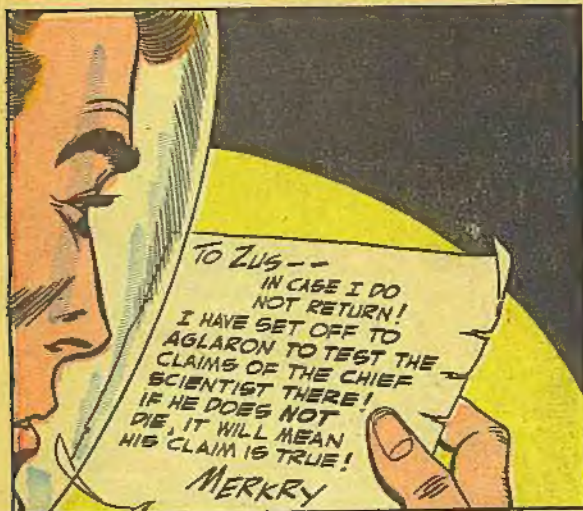
BY SATURN! UNLESS MY FUTURISTIC MIND DECEIVES ME, THOSE MEN ARE IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION--AND HAVE REMAINED ALIVE OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS! THEIR RAY-FIRE WAS ROBOT-CONTROLLED!



HURKLES...ZUS...ORPHEES! THOSE NAMES ARE ODDLY LIKE THE NAMES OF THE LEGENDARY GREEK HEROES! BUT WAIT--MERKRY'S CASE IS EMPTY! AND A NOTE ON IT...



TO ZUS--  
IN CASE I DO NOT RETURN!  
I HAVE SET OFF TO AGLARON TO TEST THE CLAIMS OF THE CHIEF SCIENTIST THERE!  
IF HE DOES NOT DIE, IT WILL MEAN HIS CLAIM IS TRUE!  
MERKRY



"IF HE DOES NOT DIE...!" THAT SOUNDS MENACING! I'D BETTER SPACE-FLY TO AGLARON AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS MERKRY IS UP TO! I CAN RETURN HERE LATER...



STREAKING AWAY FROM THE GLOBE-SHIP, THE COMETEER HEADS FOR DEEP SPACE AT SPECTRUM-SPEED...

I'VE MADE ONE OR TWO LANDINGS ON AGLARON! IT'S A LITTLE PLANET WHOSE INHABITANTS DEVOTE THEMSELVES ENTIRELY TO SCIENCE AND LEARNING! THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WEAPONS ARE...



MEAN-WHILE... IN THE LABORATORY OF THE CHIEF SCIENTIST OF AGLARON.

YES...I BELIEVE I HAVE ATTAINED IMMORTALITY BY CHEMICAL MEANS! BUT--WHO ARE YOU?

THAT DOESN'T MATTER! MY JOB IS TO FIND OUT IF YOUR CLAIM IS JUSTIFIED...





**S**UDDENLY, MERKRY RAISES HIS WEAPON...AND...

**DEAD!**

HE WAS WRONG! TRUE IMMORTALITY WOULD HAVE MADE HIM INVULNERABLE TO MY LETHO-RAY!



THUS, WHEN THE MAN OF DESTINY ARRIVES ON THE SCENE...

TOO LATE! HE'S SLAIN THE CHIEF SCIENTIST!

NOW TO TRY THE NEXT WORLD ON MY LIST... WHO'S THIS?



SWIFT AS THOUGHT, TWO GIANT MINDS PROBE DEEP INTO EACH OTHER...

**CAPTAIN COMET..** AN AMAZING MUTANT... BORN 100,000 YEARS AHEAD OF HIS TIME!

**MERKRY...** THE LEGENDARY HERO OF ANCIENT TIMES--STILL ALIVE BY SUPER-SCIENTIFIC MEANS!



ONCE AGAIN, MERKRY'S LETHO-RAY BLASTS OUT...

STRANGE! MY LETHO-RAY HITS HIM FULL FORCE--AND HE STILL LIVES!

HE HASN'T HARMED ME-- BUT I CAN'T MOVE!



IN THE DEADLOCK, MERKRY OFFERS HIS UNIQUE FOE A COMPROMISE...

JOIN US, CAPTAIN COMET-- IN OUR SEARCH FOR IMMORTALITY!

NOT YOUR WAY-- NEVER BY KILLING INNOCENT MEN LIKE THAT CHIEF SCIENTIST!



WHAT DO A FEW LIVES MATTER-- WHEN THE GOAL IS IMMORTALITY?

NO GOAL IS WORTH YOUR PRICE, MERKRY!

BEGINNING TO BREAK THE HOLD THE PARALYZING RAY HAS ON ME--!



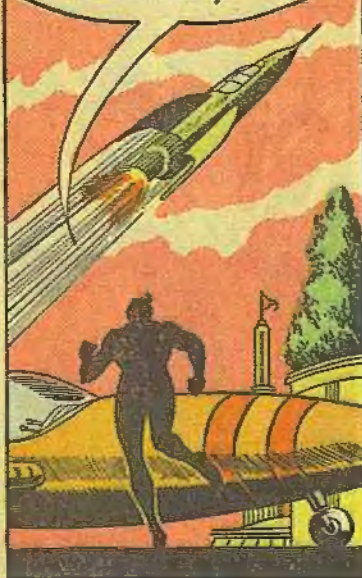


BY SOL! JUST AS I BURST OUT OF HIS RAY-CONTROL, HE STARTED OFF--AND LOOK AT HIM GO! NO WONDER THOSE LEGENDS AROSE ABOUT MERKRY'S SPEED!



SECONDS LATER... OUTSIDE THE AGLARON LABORATORY.

HE'S SPEEDING AWAY IN HIS LITTLE SPACE-LAUNCH! I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW HIM TO HIS NEXT DESTINATION--AND PREVENT FURTHER KILLINGS!



AS THE POWERFUL BLASTOID MOTORS OF THE COMETEER BEAR IT UPWARD IN HOT PURSUIT...

HE MAY BE ABLE TO OUTFRAN ME-- BUT HIS CRAFT ISN'T IN THE SAME LEAGUE WITH MY COMETEER FOR SPEED!

THAT MEDDLE-SOME MUTANT! HE'S CATCHING UP TO ME!



SEEKING TO SHAKE OFF HIS GRIM PURSUER, MERKRY DIVES INTO A DENSE IONIC SPACE-CLOUD...



TRYING TO LOSE ME--BUT MY MAGNETIC OBJECT-FINDER WILL KEEP ME ON HIS TRACK WHETHER I CAN SEE HIM OR NOT!

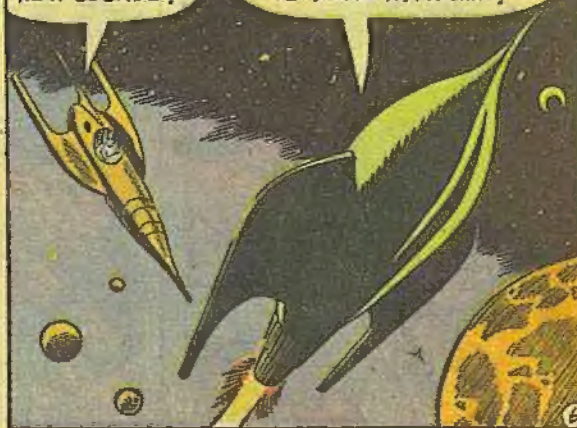
IN DESPERATION, THE MAN OF DESTINY'S PREY SUDDENLY LOOPS--AND TRIES TO RAM HIM!



BAH! MISSED...THIS RIDICULOUS GAME HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH! NOW I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO...

STREAKING OFF ON A NEW COURSE!

THAT FOOL CAN WRECK OUR PLANS! THE REST OF THE ETERNAL TWELVE MUST BE AWAKENED AT ONCE--TO DEAL WITH HIM!





**B**ACK ON THE ETERNALS' GLOBE-SHIP... SOON AFTER...

MERKRY, WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? I WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO WAKE UP FOR ANOTHER 450 YEARS!

IT'S AN EMERGENCY, ZUS! LISTEN...



WHEN THE THREAT POSED BY CAPTAIN COMET HAS BEEN EXPLAINED...

AND THERE HE IS-- CIRCLING US!

LISTEN-- A MESSAGE COMING IN FROM SPACE!

HEAR ME, MERKRY-- ALL OF YOU!



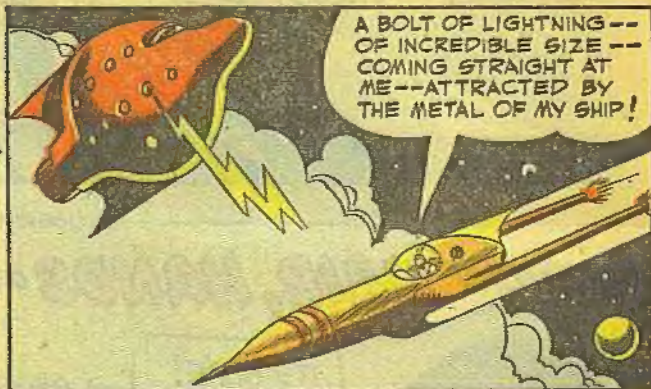
IN YOUR GREED FOR IMMORTALITY, YOU TWELVE HAVE WANTONLY DESTROYED LIFE! YOU MUST COME BACK TO EARTH TO STAND TRIAL! OUR COURTS OF JUSTICE ARE FAIR...

HA-HA  
HO HO!



HE WANTS TO PUT ZUS ON TRIAL! STAND ASIDE--WHILE I DESTROY THAT YOUNG MEDDLER WITH ONE BLAST OF MY OWN SPECIAL BRAND OF DEATH!

OUT OF THE GLOBE-SHIP SHOOTS A BLOOD-CHILLING SIGHT...



A BOLT OF LIGHTNING-- OF INCREDIBLE SIZE-- COMING STRAIGHT AT ME--ATTRACTED BY THE METAL OF MY SHIP!

HIS FUTURISTIC MIND COPING WITH THE URGENT PROBLEM, CAPTAIN COMET HITS ON THE ONE WAY TO AVOID DISASTER...

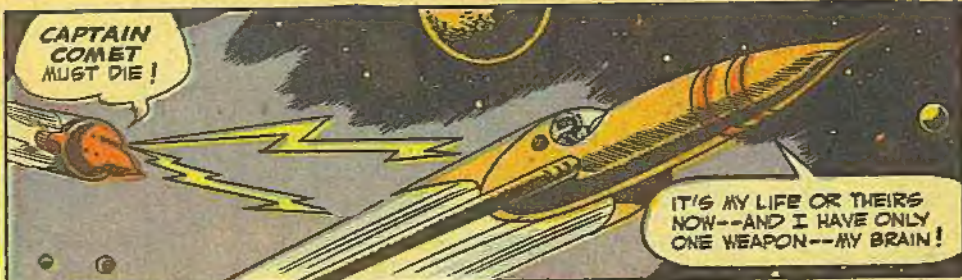


... BY HEADING DIRECTLY AWAY FROM THE BOLT AT SPECTRUM-SPEED-- FASTER THAN LIGHT! THE BOLT CAN ONLY REACH THE SPEED OF LIGHT-- NOT EXCEED IT! I'M OUTDISTANCING IT...



ANGERED BY HIS VICTIM'S ESCAPE, ZUG FILLS THE VOID WITH THUNDER-BOLTS...

CAPTAIN COMET MUST DIE!



IT'S MY LIFE OR THEIRS NOW--AND I HAVE ONLY ONE WEAPON--MY BRAIN!

GRADUALLY, THE MAN OF DESTINY LURES HIS Foe INTO A DREAD SECTOR OF SPACE...

...THE METEOR BELT! AND HERE COMES A BIG ONE---RIGHT FOR ME!

HE'S IN THE PATH OF THAT GIANT METEOR! HA HA! HE IS A VICTIM OF HIS OWN TRAP!



BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE STURDY COMETEER ZOOMS OUT OF HARM'S WAY--AND AN INSTANT AFTERWARD...

THEY WERE SO INTENT ON WATCHING MY COLLISION--SO EAGER TO SEE ME KILLED--THAT THEY FORGOT ABOUT THEIR OWN DANGER!



AS THE LONE WARRIOR TURNS HOMEWARD...

IN THEIR GREED FOR IMMORTALITY, THE ETERNAL TWELVE KILLED WITHOUT REGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE! BUT LIKE ALL GREED, THEIRS LED TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION!



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FOR  
ENERGY!

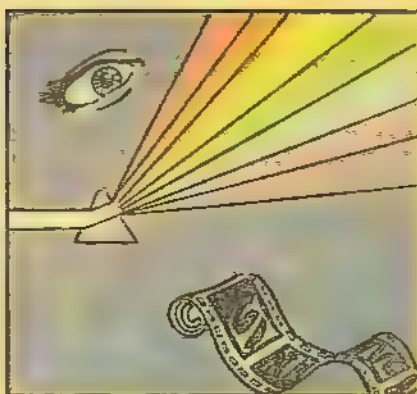


"Breakfast of Champions!"



SCIENCE SAYS  
YOU'RE WRONG  
IF YOU  
BELIEVE  
THAT--

PHOTO-  
GRAPHIC  
FILM IS  
MORE SEN-  
SITIVE  
THAN THE  
HUMAN  
EYE...



THE HUMAN EYE  
IS MORE SEN-  
SITIVE TO RED  
LIGHT THAN  
PHOTOGRAPHIC  
FILM, ALTHOUGH  
THE LATTER  
IS MORE  
SENSITIVE TO  
THE GREEN  
AND BLUE  
REGIONS THAN  
IS THE EYE.

A YEAR CAN ELAPSE WITHOUT  
THE OCCURRENCE OF A  
SOLAR ECLIPSE...



THE ORBIT OF THE MOON  
ABOUT THE EARTH, AND  
THE ORBIT OF THE EARTH  
ABOUT THE SUN ARE SUCH  
THAT TWO SOLAR ECLIPSES,  
EITHER TOTAL OR PARTIAL,  
MUST OCCUR EACH YEAR.

GRAVITY ATTRACTS  
EVERY BODY ON EARTH  
DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE  
PLANET'S CENTER...



AT NEW YORK CITY, A 10 FT. FLIMB  
LINE DEPARTS  $\frac{1}{2}$  IN. FROM EARTH'S  
CENTER.

SINCE THE EARTH ROTATES,  
THE "WEIGHT" OF A BODY  
IS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN  
THE EARTH'S ATTRACTION  
FOR IT, BECAUSE OF THE  
CENTRIFUGAL FORCE, AND  
IS NOT IN GENERAL DI-  
RECTED TOWARDS THE  
EARTH'S CENTER.

MOST PLANETS DO NOT HAVE  
AN ATMOSPHERE...



COMPUTATIONS OF THE SOLAR  
SYSTEM'S VELOCITIES OF  
ESCAPE INDICATE THAT ALL  
OF THE PLANETS (EXCEPT  
MERCURY AND POSSIBLY  
PLUTO) SHOULD HAVE ATMOS-  
PHERES. THE ASTEROIDS AND  
THE SATELLITES OF PLANETS  
CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO  
HAVE ATMOSPHERES.

ADVERTISEMENT

"LUCKY" LUDEN'S and his pal go exploring in a haunted house...

(COUGH - COUGH)  
JEEPEERS! IT'S HATCHET  
HATTIE THE KID  
HATER!

COUGH! HIDE HERE!

IN A FLASH - LUCKY  
LUDEN'S GRABS THE  
CURTAIN CORD...

THAT'S AN UNLUCKY  
COUGH, LAD! BUT  
MY HATCHET WILL  
STOP IT! (CACKLE,  
CACKLE)

HAVE A LUDEN'S FOR LUCK,  
PAL - AND REMEMBER,  
THE KID WHO COUGHS  
IS THE KID WHO  
GETS CAUGHT!

HEY KIDS! FOR GOOD  
LUCK, EAT LUDEN'S  
WILD CHERRY COUGH  
TASTE LIKE  
REAL CHERRIES -  
AND SO  
GOOD FOR  
YOU, YOU  
CAN EAT  
EM IN  
SCHOOL!

1

2

3

4

...AND LASSOES HATCHET HATTIE!

LUDEN'S  
WILD  
CHERRY  
COUGH  
DROPS



# The CANALS OF EARTH!

**WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF:**  
YOU AWOKE ONE MORNING  
TO FIND A DEEP, HOLLOWED-  
OUT GORGE STRETCHING  
ACROSS YOUR CITY?

**WHAT IF:** STILL MORE  
GIANT CHASMS WERE  
SUDDENLY KNIFED  
ACROSS EARTH'S  
SURFACE?

**DON'T THINK SUCH AN  
OCCURRENCE IMPOSSIBLE!**  
REMEMBER---IT ONCE  
HAPPENED TO THE PLANET  
WE CALL MARS!



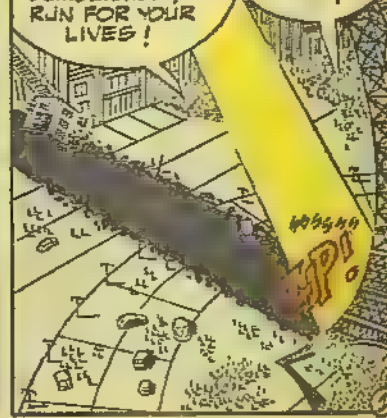
EARLY ONE MORNING AS A  
FARMER IN IOWA BEGINS HIS  
CHORES...



SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PARIS,  
FRANCE...

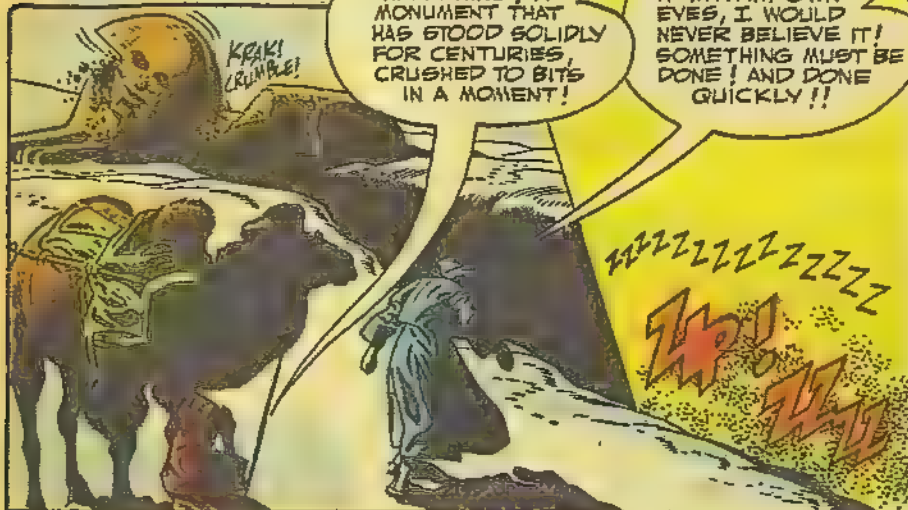
SACRE BLEU! OUR  
BEAUTIFUL EIFFEL  
TOWER IS BEING  
DEMOLISHED!  
RUN FOR YOUR  
LIVES!

THE END OF  
THE WORLD  
IS UPON US!  
WE MUST  
FLEE!





JUST OUTSIDE OF CAIRO,  
EGYPT --



THIS CANNOT BE  
HAPPENING! A  
MONUMENT THAT  
HAS STOOD SOLIDLY  
FOR CENTURIES,  
CRUSHED TO BITS  
IN A MOMENT!

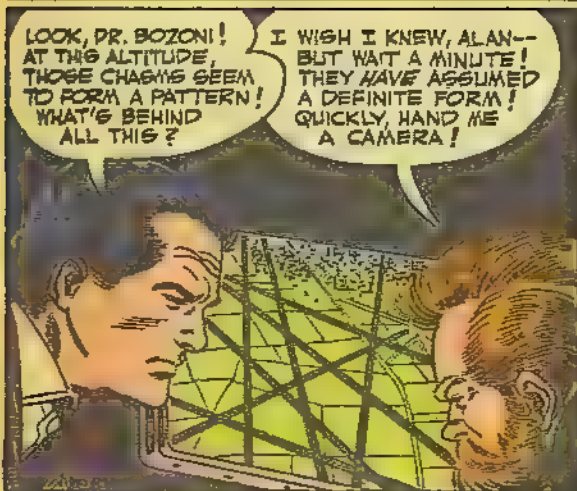
IF I DID NOT SEE  
IT WITH MY OWN  
EYES, I WOULD  
NEVER BELIEVE IT!  
SOMETHING MUST BE  
DONE! AND DONE  
QUICKLY!!

LONDON!  
SOUTH AFRICA!  
NEW ZEALAND!

ONE AFTER ANOTHER,  
THE REPORTS ARE  
FLASHED AROUND THE  
WORLD OF NEW  
GORGES GLASHED  
INTO THE EARTH!  
AND A BEWIL-  
DERED PLANET  
TURNS TO THE UNION  
OF WORLD SCIEN-  
TISTS FOR THE  
ANSWER TO THIS  
MYSTERIOUS  
PHENOMENON!

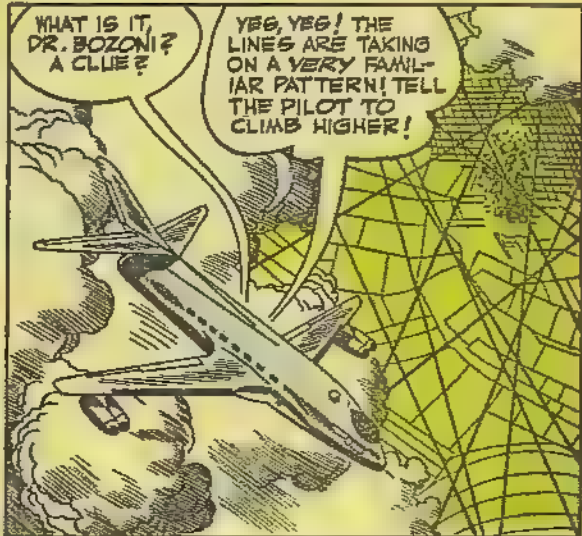
AND ON BOARD A  
JET TRANSPORT  
RACING TO NEW YORK  
FOR THE FIRST MEET-  
ING OF THE U.W.S.,  
TWO MEN SEEK A  
POSSIBLE SOLUTION  
TO THE DILEMMA--

DR. ROY BOZONI, AND HIS AIDE, ALAN HAWKS --



LOOK, DR. BOZONI!  
AT THIS ALTITUDE,  
THOSE CHASMS SEEM  
TO FORM A PATTERN!  
WHAT'S BEHIND  
ALL THIS?

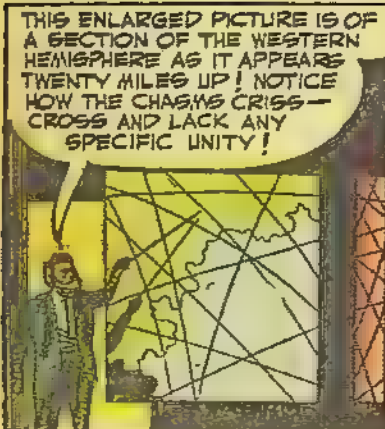
I WISH I KNEW, ALAN--  
BUT WAIT A MINUTE!  
THEY HAVE ASSUMED  
A DEFINITE FORM!  
QUICKLY, HAND ME  
A CAMERA!



WHAT IS IT,  
DR. BOZONI?  
A CLUE?

YES, YES! THE  
LINES ARE TAKING  
ON A VERY FAMIL-  
IAR PATTERN! TELL  
THE PILOT TO  
CLIMB HIGHER!

HOURS LATER, AT U.W.S. HEAD-  
QUARTERS IN NEW YORK...



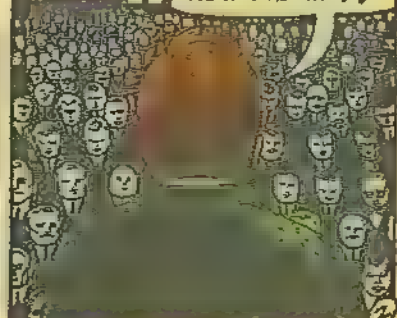
THIS ENLARGED PICTURE IS OF  
A SECTION OF THE WESTERN  
HEMISPHERE AS IT APPEARS  
TWENTY MILES UP! NOTICE  
HOW THE CHASMS CRIS-  
CROSS AND LACK ANY  
SPECIFIC UNITY!

AND THIS IS A SEC-  
TION OF THE PLANET  
MARG, PHOTOGRAPHED  
THROUGH A SUPER-  
SENSITIVE TELESCOPIC  
LENS! THE SIMILARITY  
OF THE GROOVES IS  
OBVIOUS!



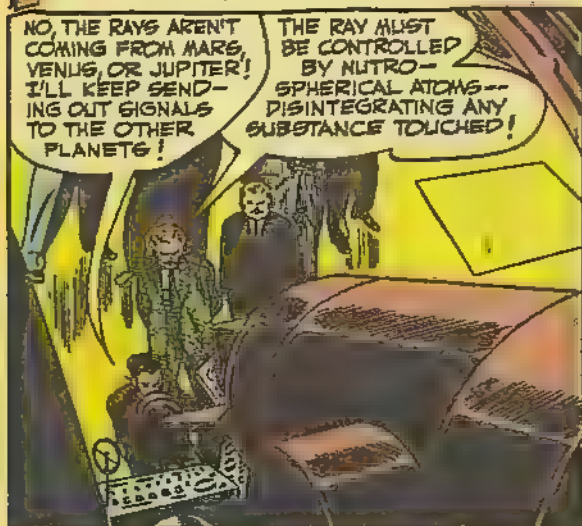
AMAZING!  
BUT  
WHAT  
DOES  
IT  
MEAN?

FOR SOME REASON AN INTER-  
STELLAR FORCE IS TRANS-  
MITTING RAYS DIRECTED AT  
THE EARTH'S SURFACE, THAT  
GLASH CHASMS ACROSS IT,  
RESEMBLING MARTIAN CANALS.  
OUR JOB IS TO FIND OUT WHO,  
HOW AND WHY!





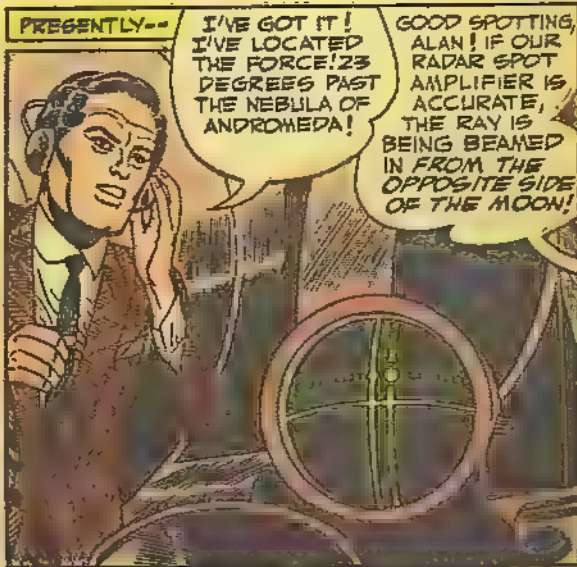
LATER THAT NIGHT, IN THE U.W.G. LABORATORIES..



NO, THE RAYS AREN'T COMING FROM MARS, VENUS, OR JUPITER! I'LL KEEP SEND-ING OUT SIGNALS TO THE OTHER PLANETS!

THE RAY MUST BE CONTROLLED BY NITRO-SPHERICAL ATOMS-- DISINTEGRATING ANY SUBSTANCE TOUCHED!

PRESENTLY--



I'VE GOT IT! I'VE LOCATED THE FORCE! 23 DEGREES PAST THE NEBULA OF ANDROMEDA!

GOOD SPOTTING, ALAN! IF OUR RADAR SPOT AMPLIFIER IS ACCURATE, THE RAY IS BEING BEAMED IN FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE MOON!

WHEN THE STARTLING NEWS IS RELEASED TO THE WORLD...



IT MEANS INVASION!!

LET'S GET THEM BEFORE THEY GET US!

THEY'RE SLICING THE EARTH UP INTO BITS!

WHY CAN'T WE FIGHT BACK?

IT'S WAR!

DOWN WITH THE MOON!

WASHINGTON: THE PRESIDENT CALLS AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MILITARY, SCIENCE, AND THE CABINET...

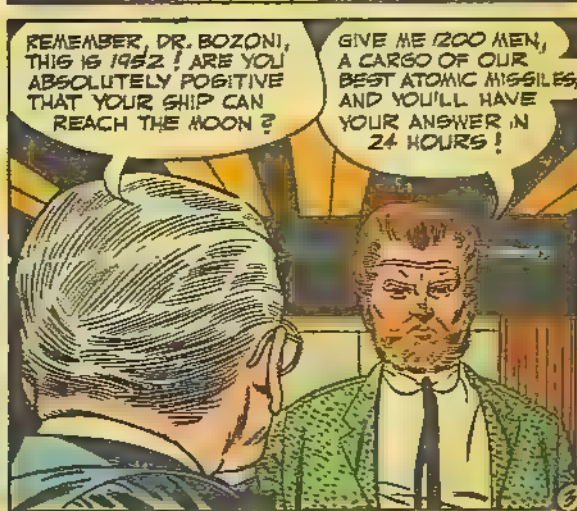


GENTLEMEN, I WILL WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS! OUR WORLD MAY BE ATTACKED AT ANY MOMENT! WE MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE!

THE FIRST TO SPEAK IS DR. BOZONI...



MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS MY AIDE, ALAN HAWKS, AND I HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTING A JET DIATOMIC SPACE-SHIP THAT CAN REACH THE MOON!



REMEMBER, DR. BOZONI, THIS IS 1952! ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE THAT YOUR SHIP CAN REACH THE MOON?

GIVE ME 1200 MEN, A CARGO OF OUR BEST ATOMIC MISSILES, AND YOU'LL HAVE YOUR ANSWER IN 24 HOURS!

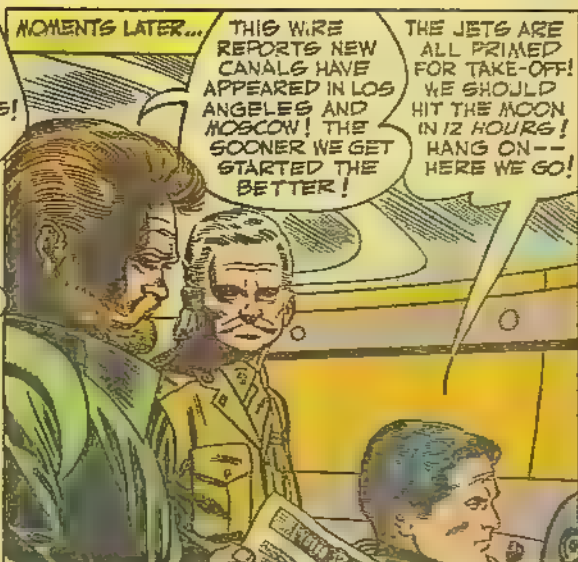




EARLY NEXT MORNING...

WELL, ALAN, THERE GO THE LAST OF THE TROOPS! DID YOU EVER THINK WE'D BE TESTING OUR INTERPLANETARY TRAVELER SO SOON?

I ONLY HOPE IT HELPS US IN FINDING THE ANSWER TO THE CANALS! LET'S GET ABOARD! THE 12 ATOMIC MISSILES ARE ALREADY IN THE SAFETY COMPARTMENTS!



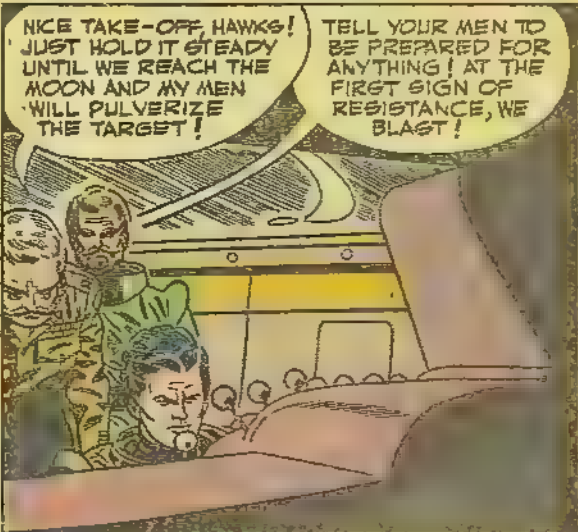
MOMENTS LATER...

THIS WIRE REPORTS NEW CANALS HAVE APPEARED IN LOS ANGELES AND MOSCOW! THE SOONER WE GET STARTED THE BETTER!

THE JETS ARE ALL PRIMED FOR TAKE-OFF! WE SHOULD HIT THE MOON IN 12 HOURS! HANG ON-- HERE WE GO!



THE FIRST SPACESHIP TO TRY FOR THE MOON-- DEPARTURE TIME: 6:05 A.M. THE YEAR: 1952!



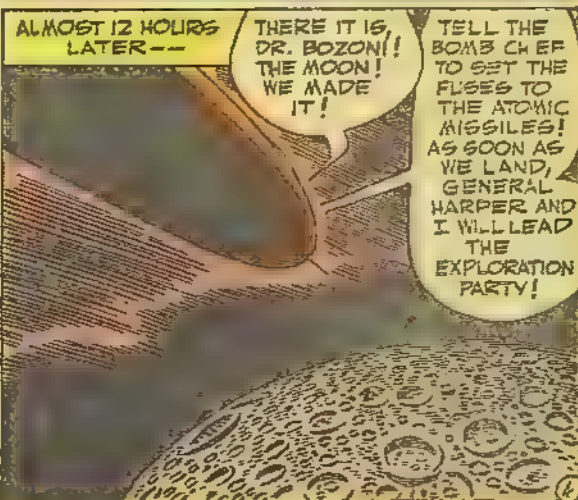
NICE TAKE-OFF, HAWKS! JUST HOLD IT STEADY UNTIL WE REACH THE MOON AND MY MEN WILL PULVERIZE THE TARGET!

TELL YOUR MEN TO BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING! AT THE FIRST SIGN OF RESISTANCE, WE BLAST!



WITH OUR ATOMIC WEAPONS WE CAN DESTROY ANY ARMY! A JUST FATE FOR THE ALIENS WHO SEEK TO DESTROY OUR WORLD!

THEY'VE BROUGHT IT UPON THEMSELVES! WE SHOULD FEEL NO GUILT! WE FIGHT EVIL! WE DO NOT WANT TO BE ANNIHILATED!



ALMOST 12 HOURS LATER--

THERE IT IS, DR. BOZON!! THE MOON! WE MADE IT!

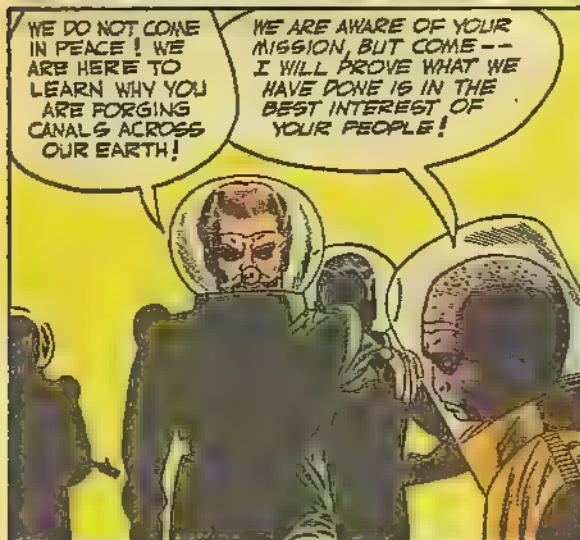
TELL THE BOMB CHIEF TO SET THE FUSES TO THE ATOMIC MISSILES! AS SOON AS WE LAND, GENERAL HARPER AND I WILL LEAD THE EXPLORATION PARTY!



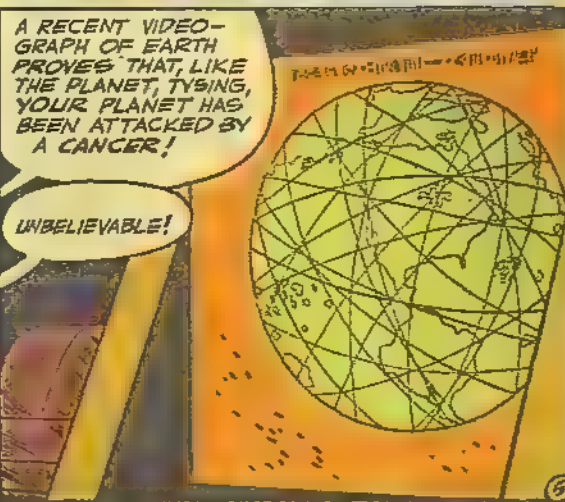
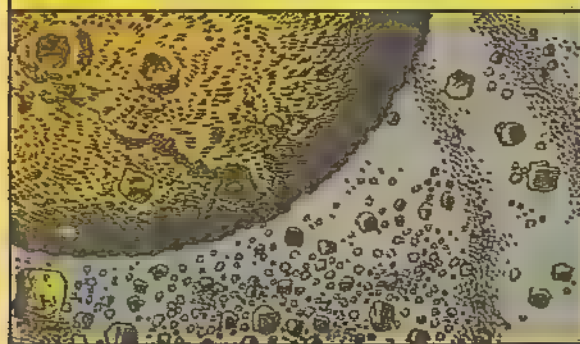
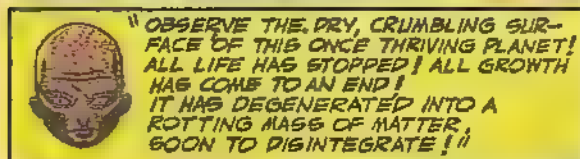
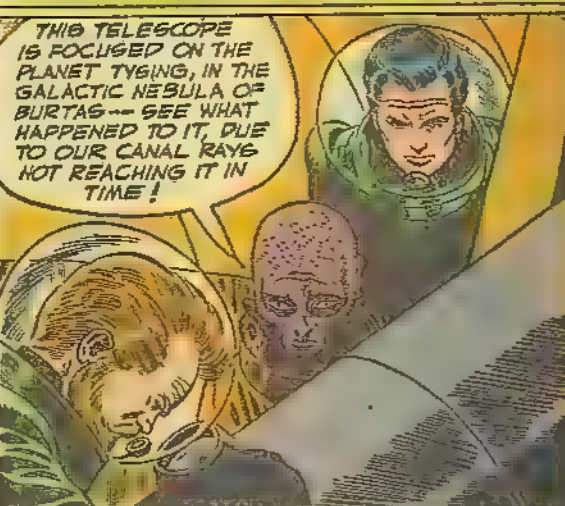
AND MINUTES LATER, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL LANDING ...



AS THEY DRAW CLOSER, THE CITY GATES OPEN-- AND ...



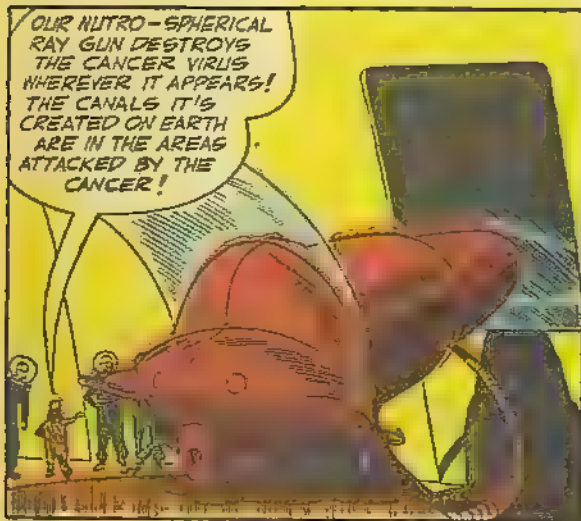
THE HALL OF SCIENCE IN THE CITY OF CARPES...





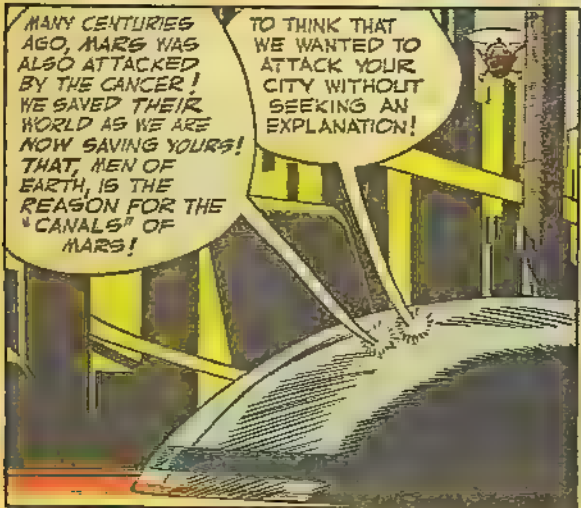


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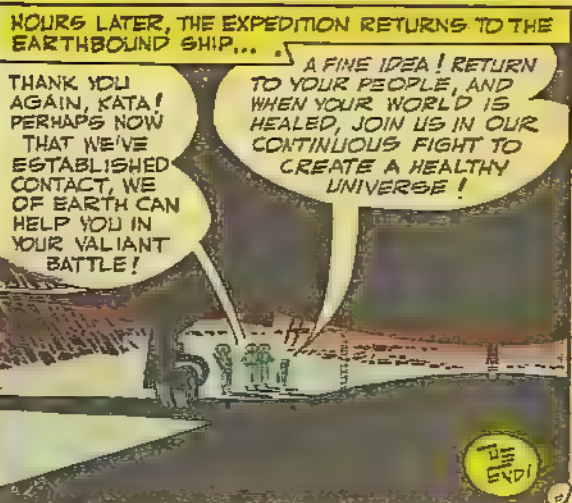
OUR NUTRO-SPHERICAL RAY GUN DESTROYS THE CANCER VIRUS WHEREVER IT APPEARS! THE CANALS IT'S CREATED ON EARTH ARE IN THE AREAS ATTACKED BY THE CANCER!

WE HERE ON THE MOON HAVE DEDICATED OURSELVES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GALACTIC CANCER! BUT OUR EQUIPMENT IS LIMITED AND WE CANNOT ALWAYS WARN THE PLANET WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE!



MANY CENTURIES AGO, MARS WAS ALSO ATTACKED BY THE CANCER! WE SAVED THEIR WORLD AS WE ARE NOW SAVING YOURS! THAT, MEN OF EARTH, IS THE REASON FOR THE "CANALS" OF MARS!

TO THINK THAT WE WANTED TO ATTACK YOUR CITY WITHOUT SEEKING AN EXPLANATION!



HOURS LATER, THE EXPEDITION RETURNS TO THE EARTHBOUND SHIP...

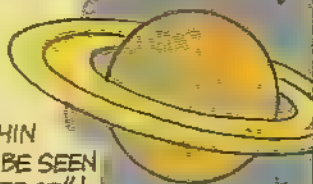
THANK YOU AGAIN, KATA! PERHAPS NOW THAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED CONTACT, WE OF EARTH CAN HELP YOU IN YOUR VALIANT BATTLE!

A FINE IDEA! RETURN TO YOUR PEOPLE, AND WHEN YOUR WORLD IS HEALED, JOIN US IN OUR CONTINUOUS FIGHT TO CREATE A HEALTHY UNIVERSE!

## OUT OF THIS WORLD by Necco

THE RINGS OF THE PLANET SATURN ARE MADE UP OF COSMIC DUST...

BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY WIDE THEY CAST A LARGE SHADOW, YET THEY ARE SO THIN THEY CAN HARDLY BE SEEN WHEN VIEWED "ON EDGE"!



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DOZEN'S 'N DOZENS IN EVERY ROLL!



# THE MAN WHO KILLED HIMSELF!

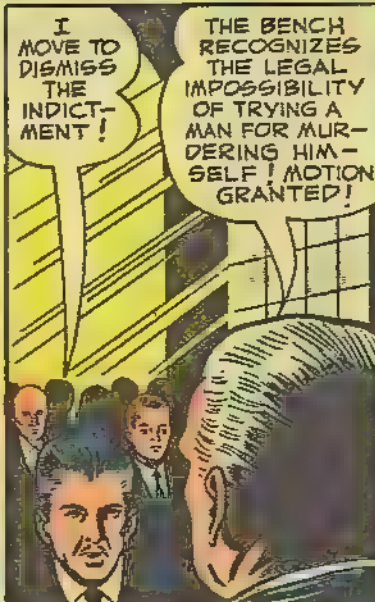
STORY BY GARDNER F. FOX



YOUR HONOR, THESE FINGER-PRINTS OF THE DEAD MAN AND THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE DEFENDANT ARE THE SAME! I SUBMIT THIS CAN NOT HAPPEN UNLESS THE DEFENDANT IS THE DEAD MAN!



I MOVE TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT!



THE FANTASTIC PART OF ALL THIS IS -- I REALLY DID KILL MYSELF!... LISTEN --



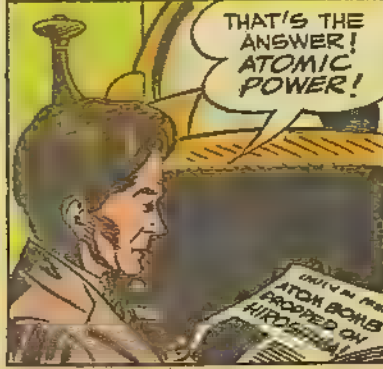
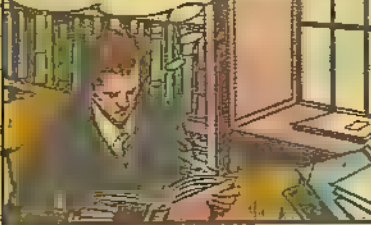


"FOR YEARS, MY HOBBY AS WELL AS MY EMPLOYMENT, WAS RESEARCH IN THE SPACE-TIME COORDINATES INITIATED BY THE BRILLIANT DISCOVERIES OF ALBERT EINSTEIN..."

"THE POWERFUL FORCE I NEEDED TO MOVE FROM ONE SEGMENT OF TIME TO ANOTHER, ELUDED ME--UNTIL A MOMENTOUS ANNOUNCEMENT ON AUGUST 6, 1945..."

"IT TOOK ANOTHER SIX YEARS BEFORE I DISCOVERED HOW TO HOUSE A WORKING ATOMIC MOTOR IN A LEAD SHEATHING..."

BOTH TIME AND SPACE ARE CURVED! IF THAT'S SO, MAN OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL IN BOTH! WHAT A MAN CAN PROVE MATHEMATICALLY-- HE CAN DO!

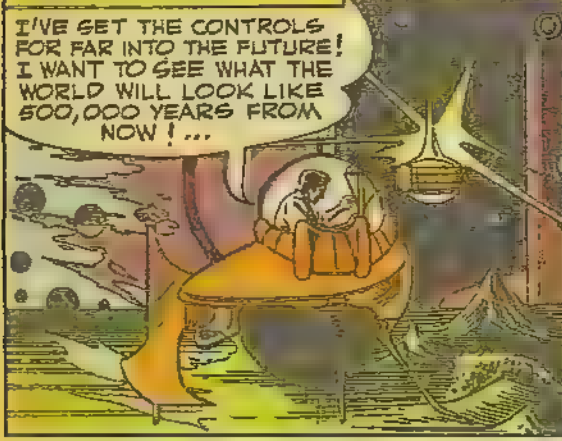


THAT'S THE ANSWER! ATOMIC POWER!

TOMORROW I WILL BECOME THE FIRST MAN TO TRAVEL IN TIME! I'LL LEAVE AT NOON AND RETURN EXACTLY ONE SECOND LATER! THE MOST AMAZING JOURNEY IN HISTORY--A MILLION-YEAR ROUND TRIP--COMPLETED IN ONE SECOND!

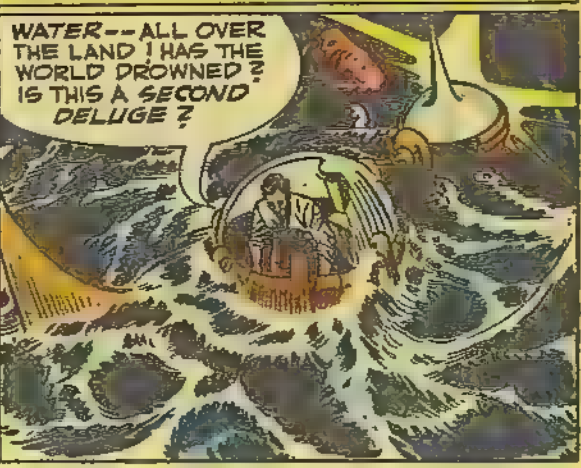


"AT 11:59 A.M. THE NEXT DAY I ENTERED MY TIME MACHINE. SIXTY SECONDS LATER, I THREW THE SWITCH..."

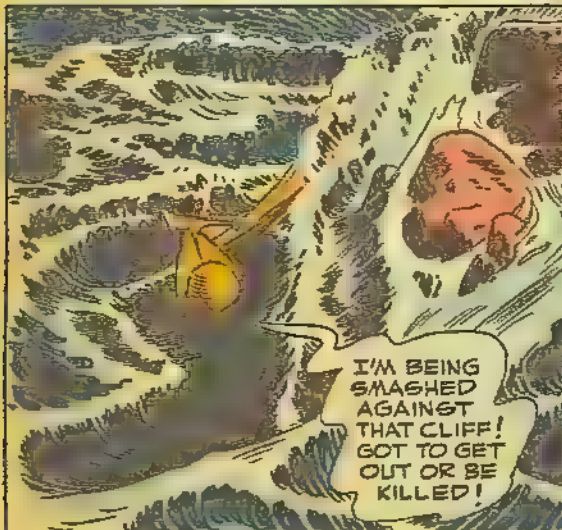


I'VE SET THE CONTROLS FOR FAR INTO THE FUTURE! I WANT TO SEE WHAT THE WORLD WILL LOOK LIKE 500,000 YEARS FROM NOW!...

"AN INSTANT LATER, THE MACHINE QUIVERED AND BROUGHT ME TO AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT!"

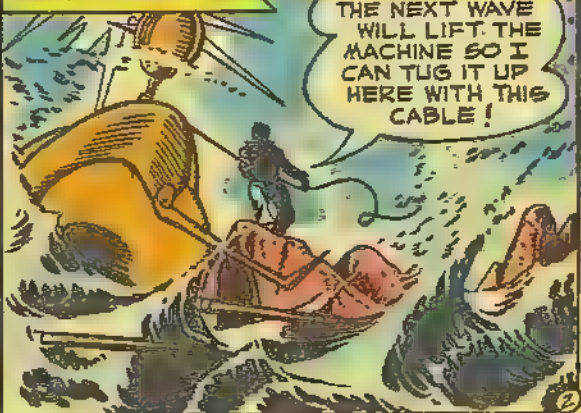


WATER--ALL OVER THE LAND! HAS THE WORLD DROWNED? IS THIS A SECOND DELUGE?



I'M BEING SMASHED AGAINST THAT CLIFF! GOT TO GET OUT OR BE KILLED!

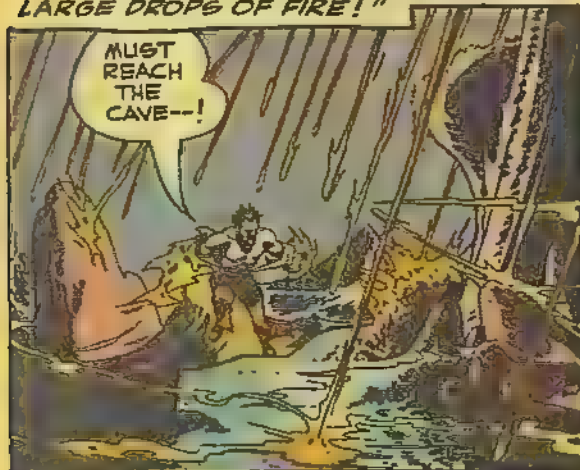
"SOMEHOW I GOT THE ESCAPE HATCH OPEN AND CLIMBED TO SAFETY ATOP A CLIFF! BUT UNLESS I COULD RESCUE MY TIME MACHINE, I'D BE MAROONED FOREVER IN THE FUTURE..."



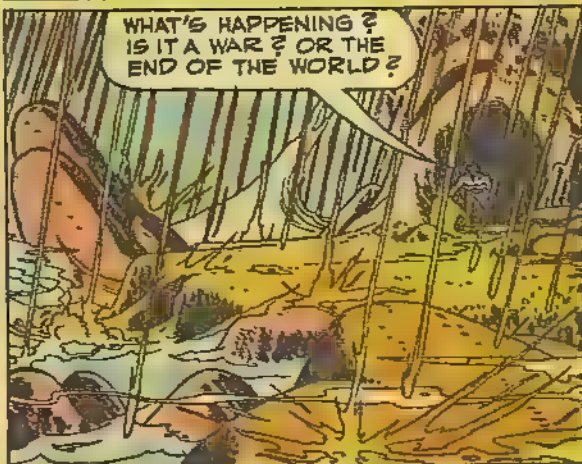
THE NEXT WAVE WILL LIFT THE MACHINE SO I CAN TUG IT UP HERE WITH THIS CABLE!



"BUT I COULDN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT WAVE...  
AS A MOMENT LATER IT BEGAN RAINING--  
LARGE DROPS OF FIRE!"



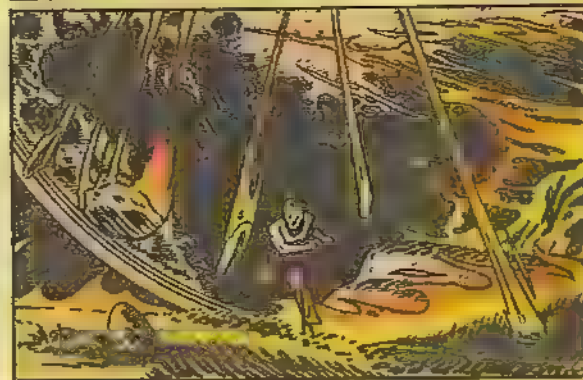
"FROM THE SAFETY OF THE CAVE, I WATCHED  
THE AMAZING FIRE-RAIN...AND WONDERED..."



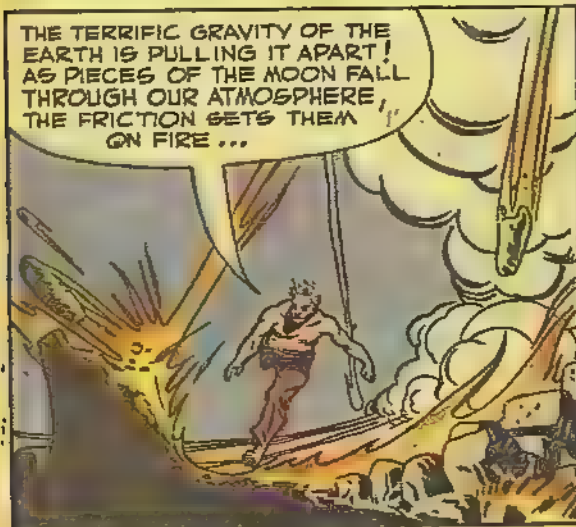
"FOR THE FIRST TIME, AS THE FIRE-RAIN  
STOPPED, I HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK UP AT  
THE SKY. WHAT I SAW THERE MADE ME  
STARE IN TERROR!..."



"ASTRONOMERS HAVE PREDICTED THAT THE  
MOON WOULD SOMEDAY FALL BACK ON THE  
EARTH! AS THE MOON SWUNG AROUND THE  
EARTH, IT REACHED OUT INTO SPACE AS  
FAR AS IT COULD GO--THEN STARTED TO  
COME BACK, FASTER AND FASTER!"



"THE TERRIFIC GRAVITY OF THE  
EARTH IS PULLING IT APART!  
AS PIECES OF THE MOON FALL  
THROUGH OUR ATMOSPHERE,  
THE FRICTION SETS THEM  
ON FIRE..."



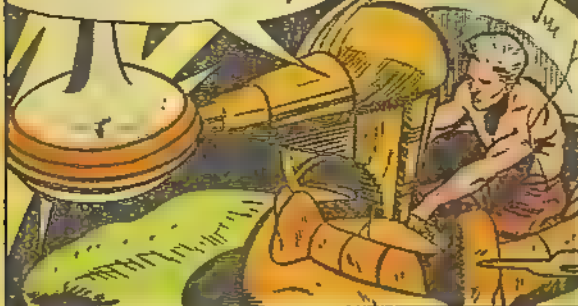
"NOWHERE DID I SEE A SIGN OF EVEN ONE  
FELLOW HUMAN BEING LEFT ALIVE! THEN  
AS I KNELT TO DRINK SOME WATER..."



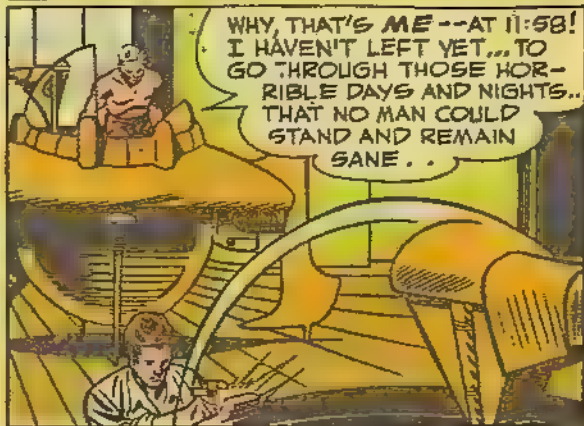


"THAT NIGHT I FOUND MY TIME MACHINE WHERE THE TIDAL WAVE HAD THROWN IT. EAGERLY I CRAWLED INTO IT..."

THE INSTRUMENTS ARE DAMAGED, BUT WORKABLE! NOW TO GO BACK TO MY OWN TIME--WHERE THE MOON HANGS HARMLESSLY IN THE SKY!



"THE TERRIBLE BATTERING AGAINST THE CLIFFSIDE HAD ALTERED MY INSTRUMENTS. INSTEAD OF RETURNING ONE SECOND AFTER NOON, I CAME BACK TWO MINUTES EARLIER!"



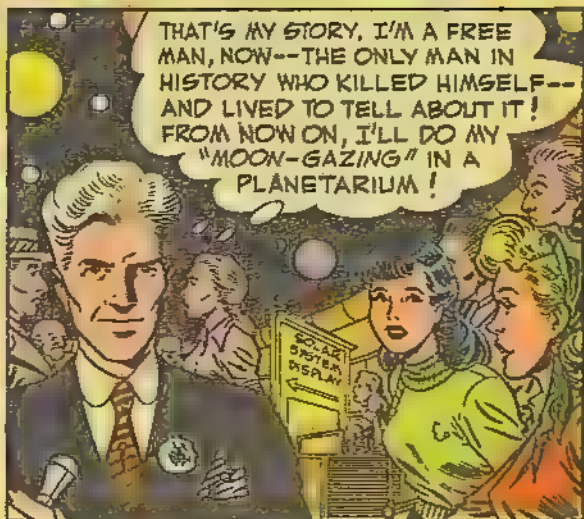
WHY, THAT'S ME--AT 11:58! I HAVEN'T LEFT YET... TO GO THROUGH THOSE HORRIBLE DAYS AND NIGHTS... THAT NO MAN COULD STAND AND REMAIN SANE...

"THE MERE THOUGHT OF WHAT I WOULD ENDURE AGAIN...AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN...DROVE ME FORWARD, FILLED WITH CRAZY FEAR..."

THIS WAY--A QUICK DEATH AND FORGETFULNESS--IS MORE MERCIFUL..



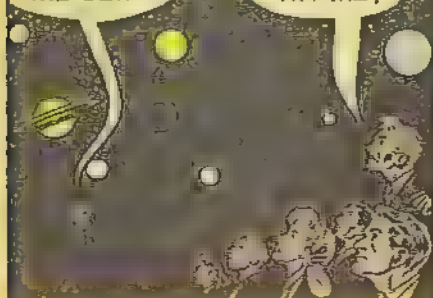
THAT'S MY STORY, I'M A FREE MAN, NOW--THE ONLY MAN IN HISTORY WHO KILLED HIMSELF-- AND LIVED TO TELL ABOUT IT! FROM NOW ON, I'LL DO MY "MOON-GAZING" IN A PLANETARIUM!



AS THE PLANETARIUM LECTURE BEGINS, JOHN ELLERSON SUDDENLY RISES FROM HIS SEAT WITH A TERRIFIED CRY...

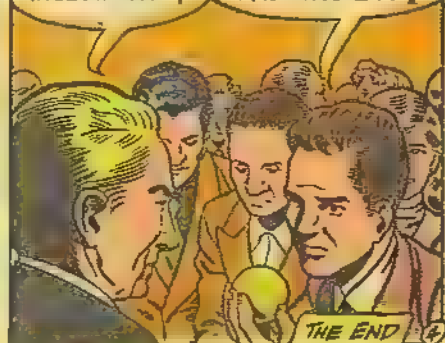
AS THE PLANETS REVOLVE AROUND THE SUN--

NO! NO! IT'S BROKEN-- FALLING! GOING TO HIT ME!



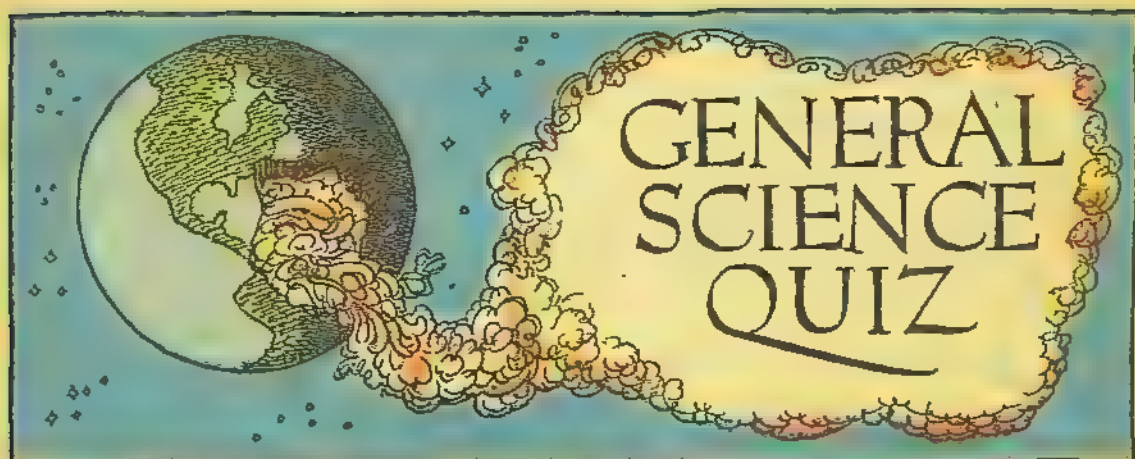
INCREDIBLE! HE DIED--OF SHEER FRIGHT! THE OBJECT THAT HIT HIM WASN'T BIG ENOUGH TO INJURE HIM!

OF COURSE NOT! IT'S THE TINY BALL THAT SWINGS AROUND OUR MODEL OF THE EARTH-- THE MOON!



THE END 4





## INSIDE THE EARTH

(Below are 10 statements designed to test your knowledge of the earth's interior. If you believe the facts as stated are completely correct, answer *true*; if they are all or partly erroneous, answer *false*. For each number correctly answered, credit yourself with 4 points.)

1. Our knowledge of the earth's interior is based a good deal on indirect and circumstantial evidence.

2. The temperature rise observed in drill holes indicates that the interior of the earth is hotter than the surface.

3. Theoretically, the surface of the earth is irregular because the material below the surface is uniform in character.

4. Earthquake waves provide the most reliable information we have about the nature of our planet's interior.

5. The velocity of earthquake waves increases at a constant rate, the deeper they travel toward the center of the earth.

6. The original theory that the interior of the earth is molten has been discarded for the current belief that the interior is a rigid solid.

7. The outer shell of the earth consists of material much lighter than the average of the earth as a whole.

8. Geologists are of the belief that the core of the earth is composed of iron or iron and nickel.

9. The layer between the core and surface of the earth is composed mainly of silicates.

10. There is a close relationship between meteors that fall through space and the composition of the earth's interior.

## WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!

(Herewith are presented 10 facts about water. Only one of a trio of statements is correct. Make your choice and take 2 points for each alternate correctly selected.)

1. The chemical formula for water is (a)  $\text{HO}_2$ ; (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (c)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ .

2. Water constitutes about (a) 10%, (b) 50%, (c) 70% of the human body.

3. Suspended impurities may be removed from water by (a) filtration, (b) oxidation, (c) absorption.

4. To make water safe for drinking, (a) iodine, (b) chlorine, (c) potassium is added to it.



5. When water contains such mineral salts as (a) calcium and magnesium, (b) zinc and mercury, (c) boron and silicon, it is known as *hard water*.

6. Pure water is (a) clear and tasty, (b) tasteless and odorless, (c) clear, tasteless and odorless.

7. Water is a (a) poor, (b) average, (c) good conductor of heat.

8. Chemically speaking, water is considered a (a) stable, (b) unstable, (c) active compound.

9. Many substances on crystallizing from aqueous solutions unite with water to form compounds known as (a) hydroxides, (b) hydrates, (c) hydrospheres.

10. Water is constantly being evaporated from the surface of the earth into the atmosphere to return as (a) thunder and lightning, (b) rainbow, (c) rain and snow.

## RADIOACTIVATED WORDS!

(Supply the missing word that will complete the following true statements about radioactivity. Each word correctly given is worth 5 points.)

1. The phenomenon of radioactivity was discovered by Becquerel from the effect produced on a photographic plate by ..... while wrapped in black paper in the dark.

2. For detecting the presence of radioactivity in a substance, a gold-leaf ..... is used.

3. The three rays emitted by a radioactive substance—alpha, beta, and gamma rays—resemble anode, ....., and X-rays.

4. The end product of uranium and radium is .....

5. Radioactive minerals are used to determine the ..... of the earth.

## HOW'S YOUR DIET?

(In the first column are listed five minerals required by the human body. In column two are given the functions these minerals fulfill, but not in correct order. Link the mineral with its unique requirement and take 3 points for each of the correctly joined terms.)

- |              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Calcium   | A. Muscle function                |
| 2. Potassium | B. Hemoglobin                     |
| 3. Chlorine  | C. Regulation of Basal Metabolism |
| 4. Iodine    | D. Activation of enzymes          |
| 5. Iron      | E. Bones                          |

## ANSWERS

*Inside the Earth:* 1, true. 2, true. 3, false. 4, true. 5, false. 6, true. 7, true. 8, true. 9, false. 10, true.

*Water, Water Everywhere:* 1, b. 2, c. 3, a. 4, b. 5, a. 6, c. 7, a. 8, a. 9, b. 10, c.

*Radioactivated Words:* 1, pitchblende. 2, electroscope. 3, cathode. 4, lead. 5, age.

*How's Your Diet:* 1 E, 2 A, 3 D, 4 C, 5 B.

## RATINGS

90 to 100 — super-scientist

75 to 90 — master scientist

60 to 75 — apprentice scientist

0 to 60 — non-scientist



GEE! A NEW BOY! SEEMS NICE TOO-

HELLO, I'M PUD!

WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND HIM!

HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY BALL!

I WISH HE COULD TALK ENGLISH-

YOU SAID IT, PAL!

WAIT! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

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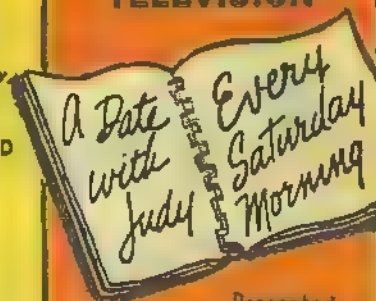
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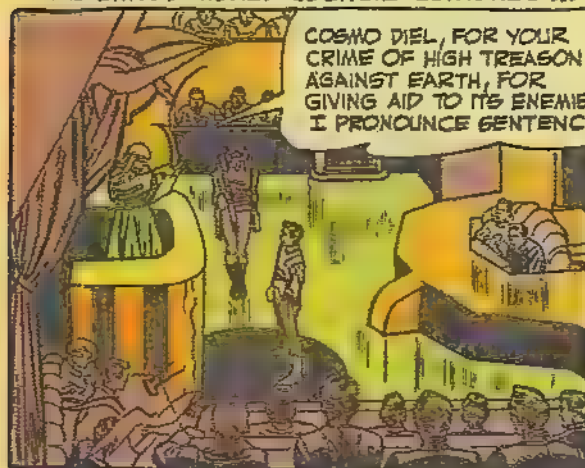
# The EXILE of SPACE

CONDEMNED TO EXILE BY  
HIS HOME PLANET, DOOMED  
TO FLOAT ETERNALLY IN THE  
EMPTY BLACKNESS OF  
SPACE FOR A CRIME HE  
NEVER COMMITTED,  
COSMO DEL FACES  
A LIFE OF UTTER  
LONELINESS AS  
THE MAN WITHOUT  
A WORLD!





FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE END OF THE EARTH-MARS-VENUS WAR OF 2250 A.D., THE UNITED WORLD COUNCIL CONVENES...



COSMO DEL, FOR YOUR CRIME OF HIGH TREASON AGAINST EARTH, FOR GIVING AID TO ITS ENEMIES, I PRONOUNCE SENTENCE!

NEVER SHALL YOU BREATHE THE AIR NOR TOUCH THE SOIL OF ANY WORLD IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM! YOU WILL FLOAT FOREVER IN SPACE, A WANDERER WITHOUT A PLANET TO CALL HOME!



AS THE CONVICTED MAN TURNS FROM THE TRIBUNAL, HIS PLACID FACE MASKS HIS SEETHING EMOTIONS...

I KNEW I STOOD TO BE PUNISHED IF CAUGHT WHEN I ACCEPTED THAT SECRET ASSIGNMENT FROM MARK ORMOND, BUT THIS FATE IS--FANTASTIC!



IN HIS MIND, FORMER SPACE MAJOR COSMO DEL GOES BACK THREE YEARS TO THAT FATEFUL MEETING...

MAJOR, YOU REALIZE THAT IF YOU ARE CAUGHT, I CAN NEVER INTERCEDE TO HELP YOU! I CANNOT ALLOW MYSELF TO BE INVOLVED WITH AN UNDERTAKING OF THIS KIND!

YES, COMMANDER ORMOND! BUT YOU NEED A MAN TO SPY ON THE MARTIANS!



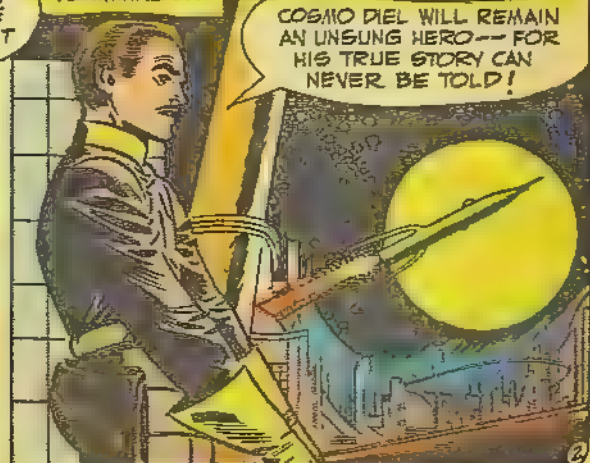
I CAN BEST DO THAT BY PRETENDING TO SPY ON THE EARTH FOR MARS!

IF YOU'RE CAUGHT BY EARTHMEN, THEY'LL THINK YOU A TRAITOR! YOU MUST SUFFER THE PENALTY--AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIFT A FINGER TO SAVE YOU!



AN HOUR AFTER SENTENCING, A SLEEK SPACE-FLEET CRUISER BLASTS OFF FROM PORT TERMINAL...

COSMO DEL WILL REMAIN AN UNSUNG HERO--FOR HIS TRUE STORY CAN NEVER BE TOLD!



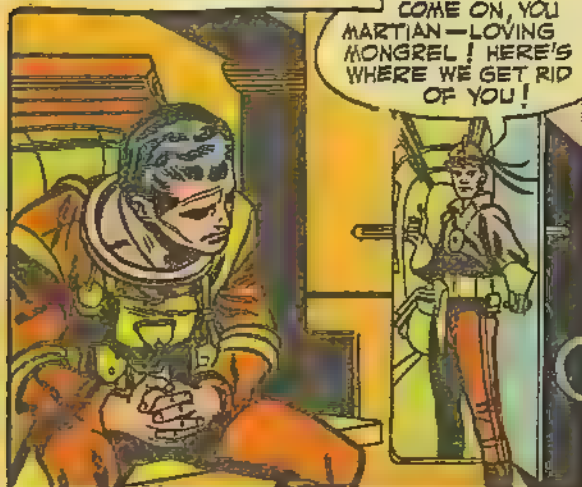




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**F**AR OUT BEYOND JUPITER, IN THE VAST  
EMPTINESS OF SPACE...



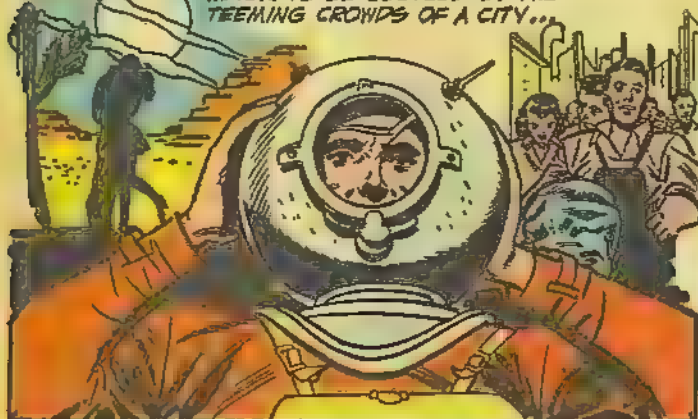
COME ON, YOU  
MARTIAN-LOVING  
MONGREL! HERE'S  
WHERE WE GET RID  
OF YOU!

WITH TEARS BLINDING HIS EYES, THE INTER-  
PLANETARY EXILE REALIZES AT LAST THE  
FRIGHTFUL DOOM THAT HAS BEFALLEN HIM...



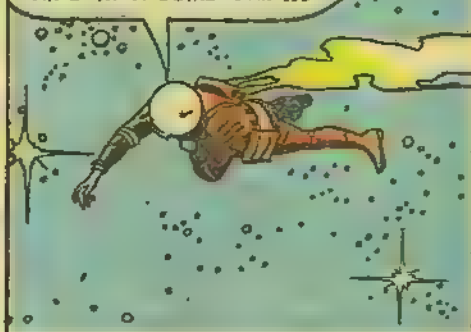
I'LL GO MAD OUT HERE!  
NOBODY TO TALK TO!  
ALONE--SO ALONE!

**N**EVER TO SEE EARTH AGAIN! NEVER  
TO WATCH A SUNSET ON THE DESERT!  
NEVER TO HOLD A GIRL IN MY ARMS!  
NEVER TO BE JOSTLED BY THE  
TEEMING CROWDS OF A CITY...



AND THEN, WITH A STRONG EFFORT OF  
WILL, HE PULLS HIMSELF BACK TO  
SANITY...

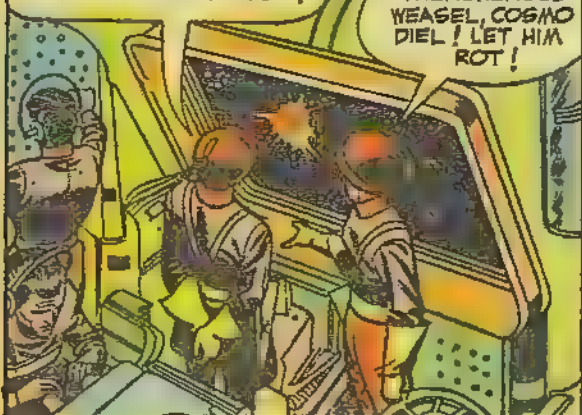
CAN'T THINK OF  
EARTH! GO MAD THAT WAY,  
FOR SURE! BETTER MAKE  
THE BEST OF IT... HITCH A  
RIDE WITH SOME SHIP...



SOME WEEKS LATER, IN THE CONTROL ROOM OF  
THE TITAN-BOUND *HEPHERUS*...

A DISTRESS FLARE OUT  
IN THIS FORSAKEN SPOT!

MUST BE THAT  
TREACHEROUS  
WEASEL, COSMO  
DIEL! LET HIM  
ROT!



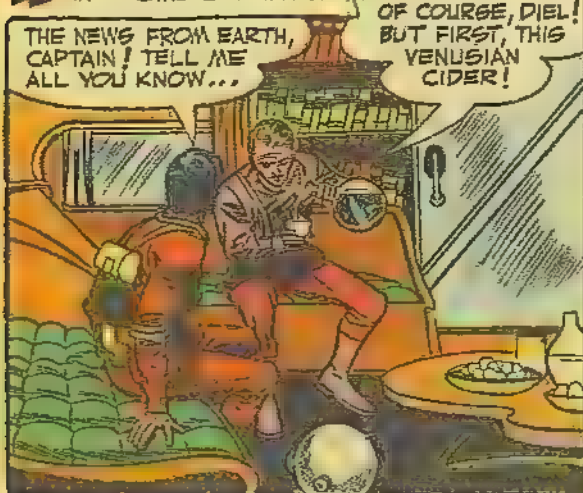
I GIVE THE ORDERS,  
LIEUTENANT DROBB!  
TAKE HIM ABOARD!

THAT TRAITOR! THE WAY  
HE TRIED TO BETRAY  
EARTH! YOU'RE FROM  
VENUS! OH, ALL RIGHT--  
SIR!





AND SO, A HUMAN VOICE RINGS ONCE AGAIN  
IN COSMO'S EARS...



THE NEWS FROM EARTH,  
CAPTAIN! TELL ME  
ALL YOU KNOW...

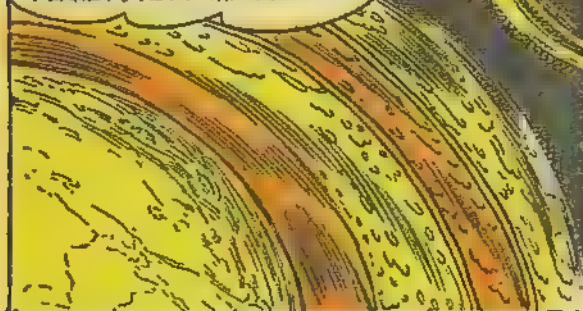
OF COURSE, DIEL!  
BUT FIRST, THIS  
VENUSIAN  
CIDER!

HOURS  
LATER...

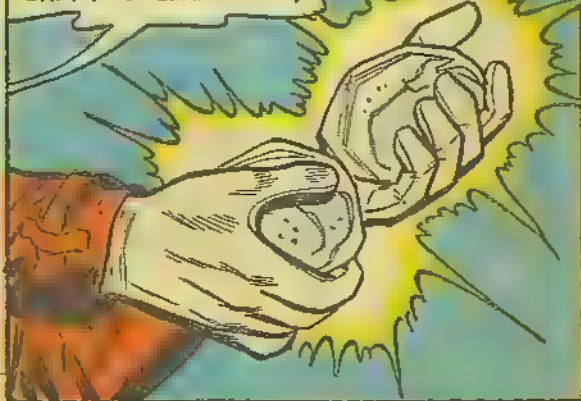


SO LONG, CAPTAIN --  
AND THANKS! YOU'VE  
DONE A LOT FOR ME!  
I FEEL BETTER ABOUT  
THINGS, SOMEHOW --  
KNOWING THAT OUT HERE  
I'LL MEET FRIENDLY FOLKS,  
EVERY NOW AND THEN...

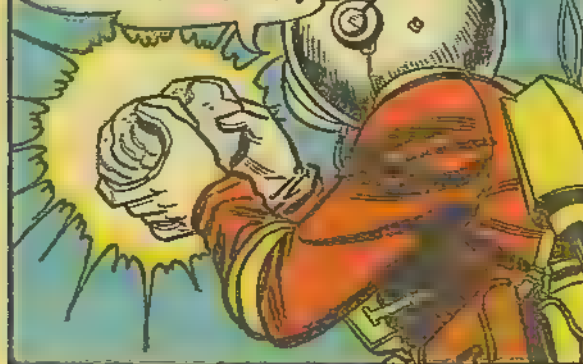
I ASKED THE CAPTAIN TO LET  
ME OFF CLOSE TO THE UN-  
EXPLORED RINGS OF SATURN!  
HE GAVE ME A SMALL SCIENCE  
KIT TO HANG ON MY BELT!  
MIGHT AS WELL MAKE SOME  
TESTS OF THESE FRAGMENTS  
THAT REVOLVE ABOUT THE  
PLANET. KEEP ME BUSY...



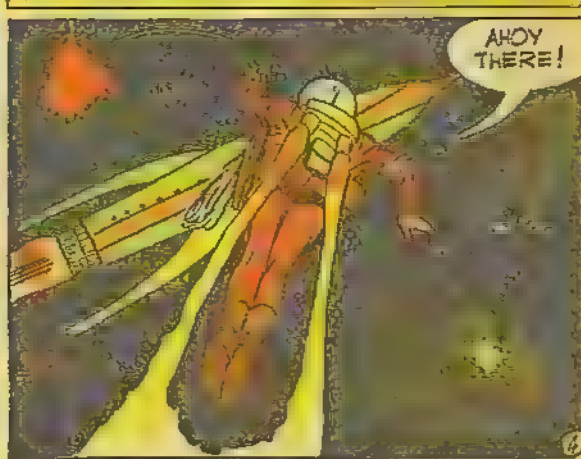
PLUTONIUM AND URANIUM --  
ENOUGH TO MAKE ME THE  
RICHEST MAN IN THE SOLAR  
SYSTEM -- IF I COULD  
ONLY FILE CLAIM TO IT!



INSTEAD -- I'LL GIVE THIS WEALTH  
TO MY HOME PLANET! FILL OUT  
A SPACE CLAIM AND DEPOSIT IT  
WITH THE NEXT PASSING SHIP!  
AFTER SACRIFICING MY LIFE  
FOR EARTH, IT'S NO HARDSHIP  
TO GIVE UP WEALTH!



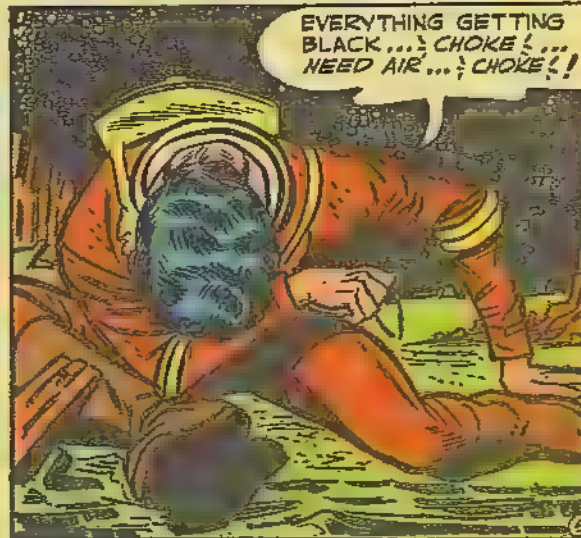
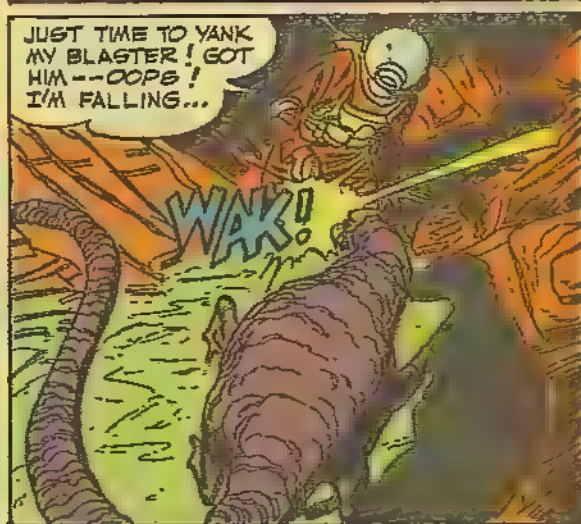
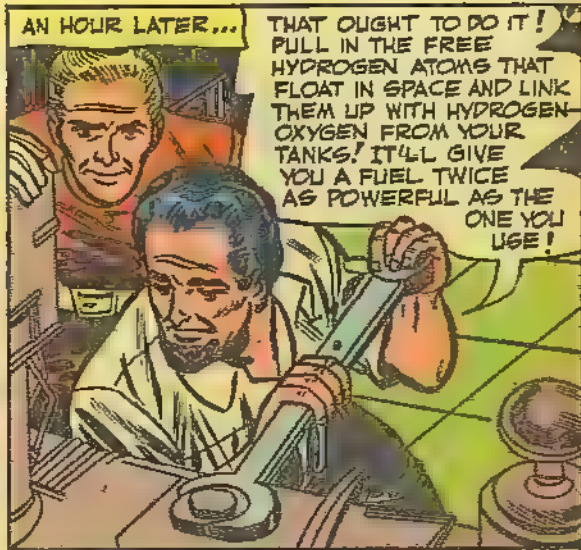
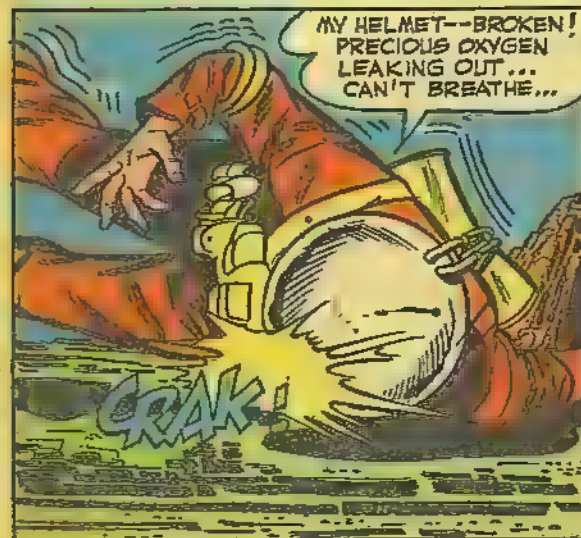
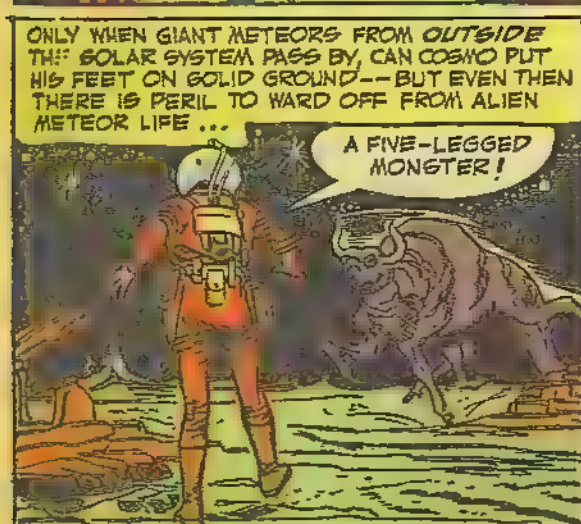
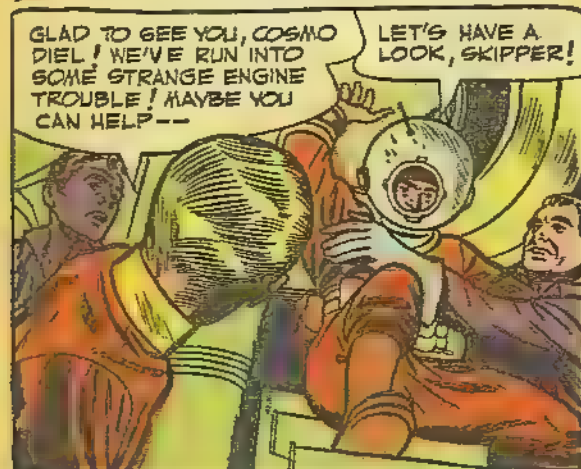
OUT TO PLUTO AND BEYOND GOES THE WANDER-  
ER OF SPACE, HITCHING A RIDE HERE, AND A  
RIDE THERE -- AND SO THE YEARS ROLL BY...



AHOY  
THERE!

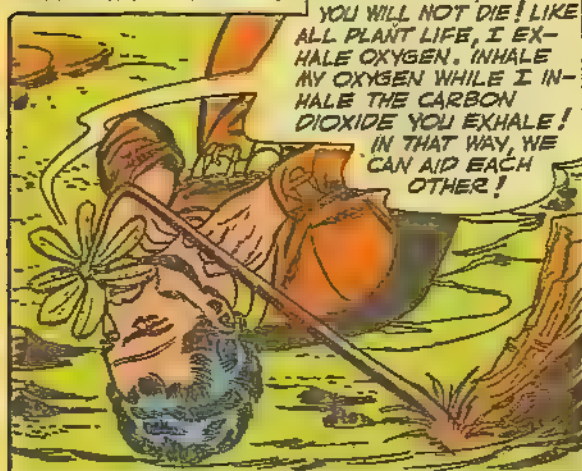


**S**TRANGELY ENOUGH, WITH THE PASSING YEARS, HIS OWN "BAD LUCK" HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF GOOD LUCK IN SPACE ...





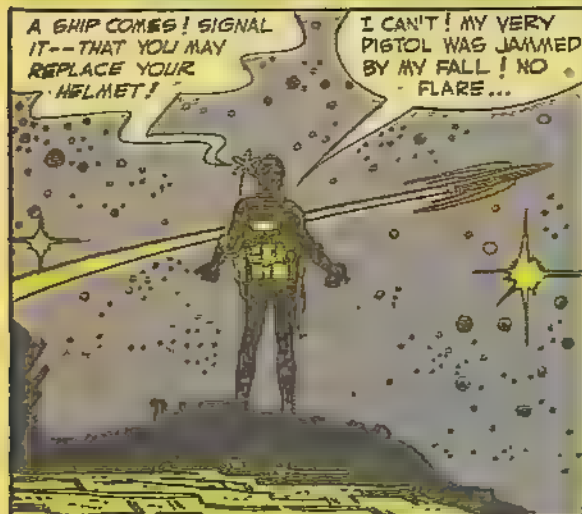
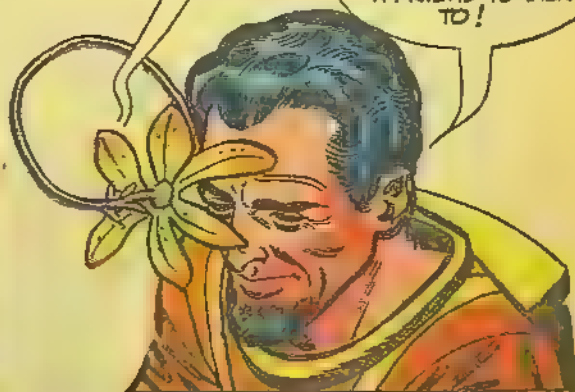
**S**UDDENLY, AS HE IS ABOUT TO GASP OUT HIS LIFE, COSMO AGAIN BREATHES DEEP OF PRECIOUS OXYGEN!



YOU WILL NOT DIE! LIKE ALL PLANT LIFE, I EXHALE OXYGEN. INHALE MY OXYGEN WHILE I INHALE THE CARBON DIOXIDE YOU EXHALE! IN THAT WAY, WE CAN AID EACH OTHER!

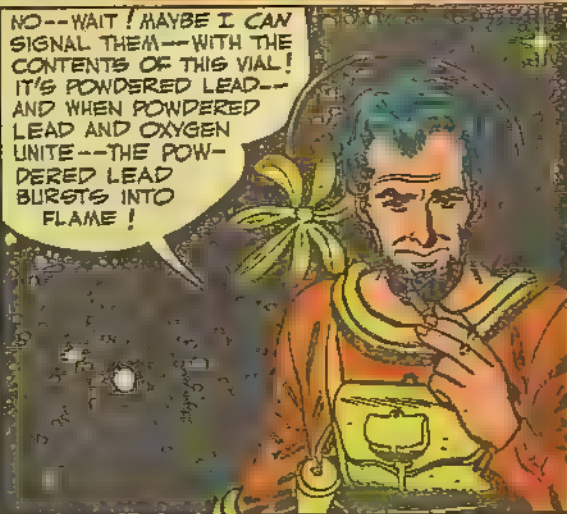
I AM THE LAST OF MY KIND. I HAVE WANDERED ON THIS METEOR FOR MANY YEARS. MY NAME IS SHAR LI!

FROM NOW ON WE'LL WANDER TOGETHER! SINCE YOU CAN CONVERSE BY TELEPATHY, I'LL HAVE A FRIEND TO TALK TO!

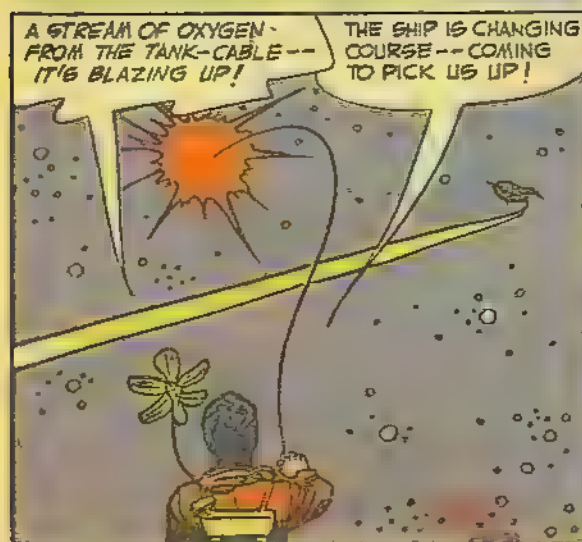


A SHIP COMES! SIGNAL IT--THAT YOU MAY REPLACE YOUR HELMET!

I CAN'T! MY VERY PISTOL WAS JAMMED BY MY FALL! NO FLARE...



NO--WAIT! MAYBE I CAN SIGNAL THEM--WITH THE CONTENTS OF THIS VIAL! IT'S POWDERED LEAD--AND WHEN POWDERED LEAD AND OXYGEN UNITE--THE POWDERED LEAD BURSTS INTO FLAME!



A STREAM OF OXYGEN--FROM THE TANK-CABLE--IT'S BLAZING UP!

THE SHIP IS CHANGING COURSE--COMING TO PICK US UP!



THE YEARS MOVE ON. A FEW THREADS OF SILVER GLEAM IN COSMO DIEL'S HAIR--BUT HIS FLOWER COMPANION WITHERS AND DIES...

FAREWELL, OLD FRIEND! WE'VE TRAVELED A LOT OF SPACE TOGETHER! I'LL--MISS YOU!

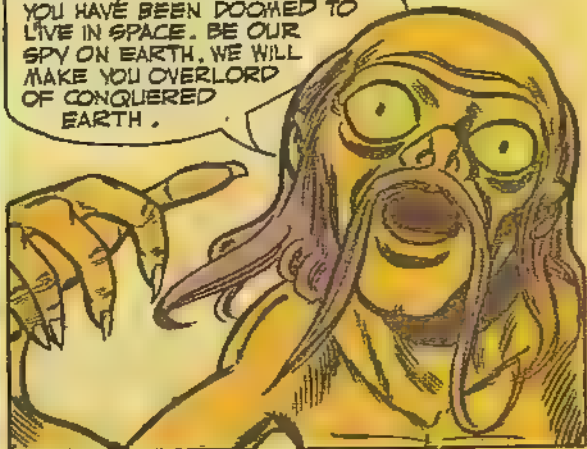


YOU ARE COSMO DEL---  
THE MAN WITHOUT A  
WORLD? THE EARTH  
TRAITOR?

TRAITOR? YES, I  
SUPPOSE SO! BUT  
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT  
DO YOU WANT OF ---  
ME?



I AM PAN KAT, LEADER OF THE  
ALAMI, FROM A DISTANT GALAXY.  
WE SEEK TO CONQUER THE SOLAR  
SYSTEM, BUT WE NEED A SPY.  
YOU HAVE BEEN DOOMED TO  
LIVE IN SPACE. BE OUR  
SPY ON EARTH. WE WILL  
MAKE YOU OVERLORD OF  
CONQUERED  
EARTH.



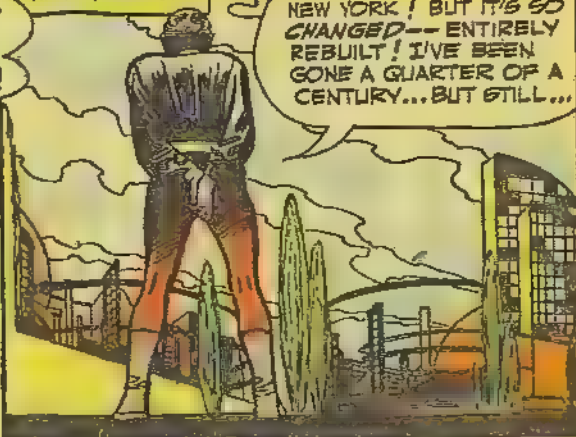
WE CAN SMUGGLE YOU ONTO  
EARTH, BRING US NEWS OF  
THEIR SHIP CONCENTRATIONS,  
OF THEIR BATTLE POWER!  
BEING AN EARTHMAN, YOU  
WILL NEED NO DISGUISE.  
THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN  
ALL ABOUT YOU BY  
THIS TIME!

YES, THEY HAVE  
FORGOTTEN  
COSMO DEL!  
I WILL RETURN TO  
EARTH AND SERVE  
YOU WELL!



IN A FLEET ALIEN SPACER, THE EARTH-EXILE  
IS SET DOWN CLOSE TO THE GREAT CITY OF  
NEW YORK...

NEW YORK! BUT IT'S SO  
CHANGED--- ENTIRELY  
REBUILT! I'VE BEEN  
GONE A QUARTER OF A  
CENTURY... BUT STILL...

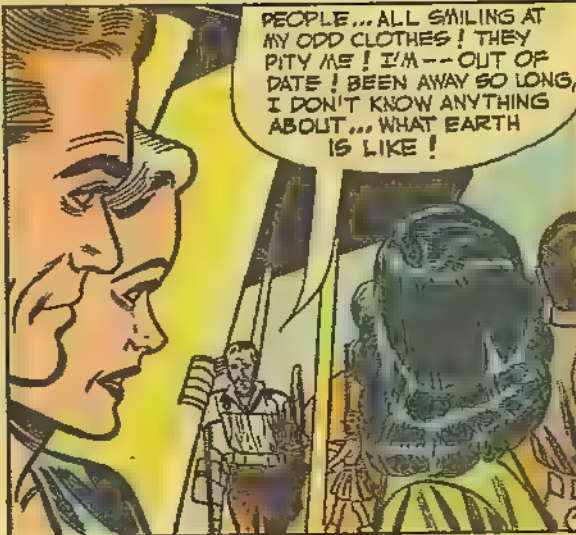


WITH STUNNED EYES, COSMO WALKS THE  
STREETS OF THE GREAT EARTH CITY...

I FEEL OUT OF PLACE...  
LIKE A STRANGER. IT  
ISN'T THE WAY I  
REMEMBERED---  
NOT AT ALL!



PEOPLE... ALL SMILING AT  
MY ODD CLOTHES! THEY  
PITY ME! I'M--- OUT OF  
DATE! BEEN AWAY SO LONG,  
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING  
ABOUT... WHAT EARTH  
IS LIKE!







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EVEN MY NAME IS FORGOTTEN!



ALONE WITH HIS FORMER COMMANDER, COSMO EXPLAINS WHY HE HAS BROKEN HIS EXILE TO RETURN TO HIS HOME PLANET ...

THAT'S THE STORY, MARK! ALIENS ARE PREPARING TO ATTACK EARTH -- WANTED ME TO SPY FOR THEM!

COSMO, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YOU STILL FEEL NO BITTERNESS TOWARD EARTH! YOU ARE A REMARKABLE MAN!



ONE MONTH LATER, AFTER THE INVADING ALIEN SHIPS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN A TRAP AND DESTROYED ...

HERE IT IS, COSMO -- THE SOLAR SUNBEAM -- MEDAL OF HONOR! I'M TAKING STEPS TO HAVE YOU PARDONED. YOU CAN STAY HERE ON EARTH --

NO, MARTIN! EARTH IS NOT FOR ME! NOT ANY MORE! EARTH HAS CHANGED, AND SO HAVE I! I COULD NEVER -- BE AT HOME -- ON EARTH -- EVER AGAIN!



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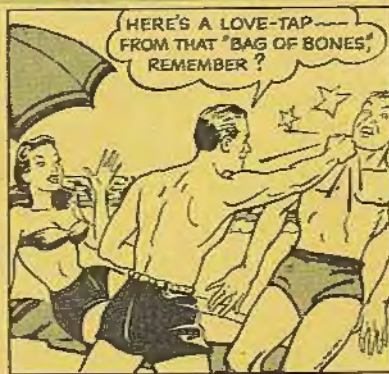
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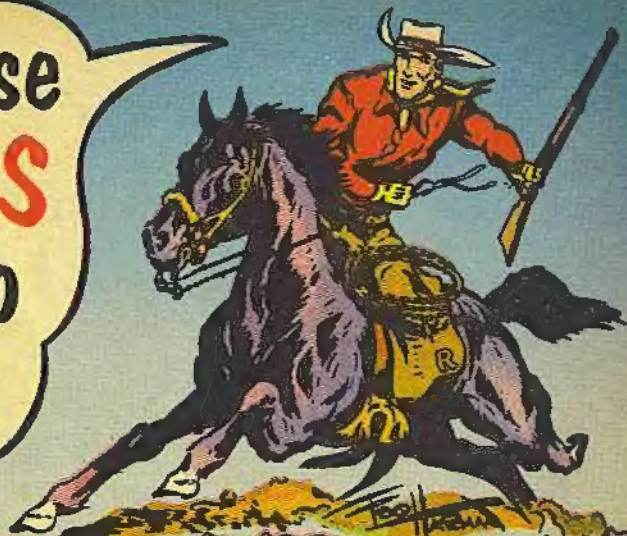
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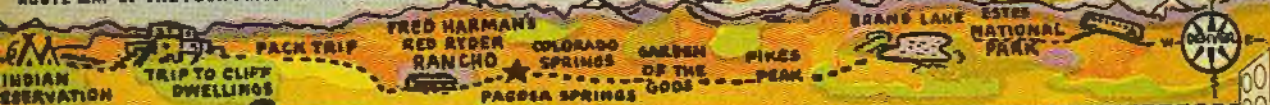
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